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Bob Crow  
General Secretary  
National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers  
Unity House  
39 Chalton Street  
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Dear Bob,

### **Formalisation of the Rail Delivery Group**

Thank you for your letter dated 28 January 2013 responding to the proposal to amend the Rail Delivery Group (RDG) articles of association to allow minority shareholders to attend the RDG leadership body.

As explained in my letter dated 18 January 2013,<sup>1</sup> RDGs decision to extend its alternate director arrangements is consistent with the original formalisation proposal that the leadership body should comprise the senior people from the train operators and Network Rail, those who are directly accountable to users and to government for delivery. Some of these senior people are from state-owned railways in other European companies, others are from UK companies. The important thing is to get the right people on RDG.

We think that the wider inclusion of other groups, such as Trade Unions and passenger representatives, would make RDG less effective in doing the job we expect of it.

But RDG will only be effective if it does engage with the wider industry including the Trade Unions and passenger representatives. As pointed out in our conclusions document dated 16 October 2012,<sup>2</sup> RDG recognises this, and the importance of obtaining the views and advice of the wider industry. We are sure that the Trade Unions and Passenger Focus will want to become Associate Members of the group and know that RDG will be happy to meet with them.

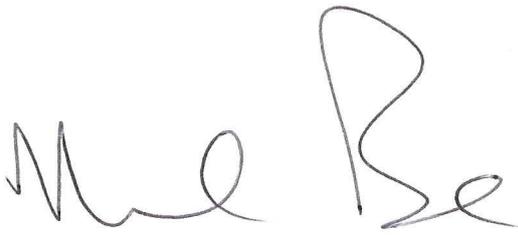
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<sup>1</sup> Available on our website at <http://www.rail-reg.gov.uk/upload/pdf/rdg-formalisation-180113.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Available on our website at <http://www.rail-reg.gov.uk/upload/pdf/rdg-conclusions-and-notice-161012.pdf>

Ian Prosser, our Director of Railway Safety will be happy to discuss this with you at our next meeting with the trade union general secretaries, scheduled for 12 March 2013. In the meantime we have gone ahead with formalising RDG through the introduction of the new licence condition.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Beswick'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'B'.

**Michael Beswick**