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Dear Colin

HS2 Membership of RSSB

Partly at the prompting of the ORR, the objectives of RSSB specifically include the broadening of the membership base within the GB railway sector. The board has been reviewing opportunities to fulfil this objective over the last 12 months and of course ORR have been observers at all such discussions.

An approach from HS2 to RSSB to undertake some work for their business created the opportunity to introduce the benefits of RSSB membership to them and with the boards agreement a mutually acceptable set of terms for membership were developed and agreed. These terms were informally discussed with the ORR and DfT in a meeting on 5 December 2013.

The RSSB board agreed on 9 January 2014 to admit HS2 to the Infrastructure Manager category of RSSB membership subject to the signing of an accession agreement and application letter and the approval of the ORR.

I can confirm that the accession agreement and application letter have now been signed to admit HS2 as a member with effect from 1 April 2014. They are being admitted under the Constitution Agreement that comes into effect on 1 April 2014 and as such their baseline membership levy will be included at schedule 6 of that document.

Therefore we are requesting ORR prior approval to HS2 becoming members of RSSB in the Infrastructure Manager Category as required under clause 3.1.1 (d) of the Constitution Agreement.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Elizabeth Fleming'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Elizabeth Fleming
Company Secretary