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Dear Mr Jones

Many thanks for your e-mail and I believed a response was sent to you on my behalf on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013, which confirmed that my response to you in my letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013 appropriately dealt with issues raised in your e-mail.

However, following my previous response to your e-mail, the East Sussex Pension Fund has since become a member of the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF – website link below). This forum is the UK's leading collaborative shareholder/members/officers engagement group, which seeks to protect and enhance the value of its members' shareholdings by way of shareholder engagement, by action on corporate governance issues and by seeking to promote the highest standards of corporate social responsibility at the companies in which LAPFF members invest.

In pursuing its aim to protect and enhance shareholder value, the Forum will -

- seeks to optimise LA pension funds' influence as shareholders to promote high standards of Corporate Governance (CG) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
- facilitates commissioning of research and policy analysis of issues relating to areas of concern more effectively than individual members
- provides a forum for consultation on shareholder initiatives, information exchange and discussion about investment issues
- provides a forum to consider *any* issues of common interest to all pension fund administrators and trustees (e.g. the results of actuarial valuations; the arguments for and against stock lending and the operation of the Freedom of Information Act, Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) issues, etc.)

The Forum's work continue to ensure that companies have the right policies and right people in place to create value for shareholders over the long term and has adopted a more high-profile and interventionist approach to shareholder engagement.

<http://www.lapfforum.org/TTx2/about-us/list-of-members>

Please note that I have now returned back to work and responsibilities for the East Sussex Pension Fund (ESPF) administration now lies with Marion Kelly, the Council's Chief Finance Officer.

Thank you for your keen interest in the ESPF and for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mo Hemsley', written in a cursive style.

**Mo Hemsley**  
**Assistant Director, Service Finance**