Dear Stakeholder,

As many of you will already be aware, the Companies Act 2006 (the Act), which received Royal Assent in November last, will provide for a single company law regime across the whole of the United Kingdom.

General information about those sections of the Act already brought into force and their consequences for companies in Northern Ireland can be found on the Companies Registry NI (CR) website by clicking on Companies Act 2006. More detailed information about the Act and its impact on companies can be found on the Companies House (Cardiff) and the Department for Business, Enterprise & Regulatory Reform (formerly the Department of Trade and Industry) websites, which can be accessed indirectly via the same link. The CR website also includes a table listing those provisions of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (the 86 Order) repealed and re-enacted by the Act (Table of Destinations).

Over the next few days a comprehensive list of those provisions of the 86 Order repealed to date and a complete listing of those sections of the Act already brought into force, together with provisional dates for the bringing into force of the remaining provisions, will also be placed on the CR website. Further information about the outstanding provisions of the Act will be made available on the website as and when they are brought into force.

You may wish to draw the contents of this e-mail to the attention of your members or associates.

Please note that the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment is unable to give legal advice and questions about the Companies Act 2006 or general questions about company law and its interpretation or application to companies should be directed to your solicitor or legal adviser.

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