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Permanent Representation of Ireland
to the European Union
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**Subject: State aid No N 571/2006 – Ireland
RES-E support programme**

Dear Sir

By letter dated 28 August 2006, registered by the Commission on the same day, the Irish authorities notified the Commission of the above-mentioned measure. By letter of 27 October 2006 the Commission requested additional information, which the Irish authorities provided by letter of 1 February 2007. The Commission has found that the notification is still incomplete in that the following information is missing:

Your authorities have argued in the abovementioned letter of 1 February 2007 that the aid is compatible with option 1 in the rules on operating aid for renewable energy sources in the Environmental aid guidelines. Under points 59 and 60 of the guidelines operating aid for renewable energy sources, with the exception of biomass, may not exceed the investment amount. Table D under 9.2 of the notification (the same table as table 2 of attachment 4 to part III.10 of the notification) concerns only the premium for electricity from biomass, small hydro and small wind. Could your authorities please show for the forms of RES-E mentioned and for RES-E from large wind that the total aid amounts – including the balancing cost compensation and any potential market price equalisation cost compensation – do not exceed the investment amounts?

This should reach the Commission within 20 working days of the date of this letter.

Yours faithfully

(signed)

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