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Dear Sir/Madam

Client Asset Regulations and Guidance Consultation Paper CP71

We refer to the above matter.

We respectfully request that the final form Regulations and Guidance issued under the new regime regarding client assets as contemplated by Consultation Paper CP71, clarify that a "firm" means "... an investment firm, an investment business firm and Fund Services Providers <u>and excludes any of the foregoing where and so long as, the entity concerned is also a credit institution regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland</u>." [Emphasis added].

We believe this clarification to be consistent with the position of the Central Bank to date with respect to the applicability of the current Client Asset Rules to credit institutions in the context of the introduction (and current application) of the European Communities (Markets in Financial Instruments) Regulations 2007.

Yours faithfully

General Counsel

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