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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Dear Andrew,

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Comments

British Shipbuilders: Disposal of Brooke Marine

Ruth Thompson copied to us her letter of 20 September to you about the disposal of Brooke Marine. I am writing to confirm that the Foreign Secretary is content for British Shipbuilders to proceed as proposed.

We do not anticipate any major problems with the Omanis since the decision not to allow them to buy a controlling stake in the company is clearly non-discriminatory. It will, however, be important to explain the position fully to them. Also, we do not foresee any difficulties, in terms of our EEC Treaty obligations, since there is at present no proposal for restrictions on the acquisition of the company or shares in it by nationals or companies of EC Member States.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours ever,

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