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Dear Ms Glass

### **ICL INQUIRY - STOCKLINE EXPLOSION**

I refer to your letter of 11 June 2008 addressed to Steve Inch, Executive Director, Development and Regeneration Services, Glasgow City Council and confirm that I have been asked to co-ordinate a response on behalf of the Council.

Specifically I note that the Chairman, The Right Honourable Lord Gill "is interested to know what Glasgow City Council may have to say about the factual assertions made about the Council" in the report from Strathclyde University.

Having sought comments from various departments within the Council I confirm that there are no comments from an Environmental Health perspective. Furthermore there are no comments from the Council's Scientific Services although I am advised that this section was heavily involved in the incident, primarily on behalf of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

Regarding the regulatory role of Glasgow City Council and, in particular, Building Control, a conclusion was drawn at Section 7.4.2 of the Strathclyde University report that

"An application for building warrant was submitted but not recorded and all drawings/records have subsequently been lost".

I note that Stuart Murie, Group Manager, Building Control, has produced a statement for the purposes of the Inquiry and a "Report on building warrant activity and legislative background to building standards at ICL Plastics Limited, Hopehill Road, Glasgow" has also been submitted on behalf of Building Control & Public Safety. Mr Murie has also provided a Supplementary Statement dated 19 August 2008 referring to an application for Warrant for Minor Works by ICL Plastics Limited dated 4 January 1973 (Crown Production 89). It is the Council's position that there is no evidence contained within the Strathclyde University report which would support the conclusion referred to above. I would also refer you to the evidence given by Mr Murie to the Inquiry.

In Section 7.6 of the Strathclyde University report reference is made to a written request from Dr. Howieson to Building Control for information. I confirm that Building Control have no record of such a communication although such a request may have been encompassed within several Freedom of Information requests received from Strathclyde University regarding the incident. On those occasions such requests would have been passed anonymously to Building Control.

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At this stage I have no further comments to make on behalf of the Council. Should you have any further requests for information please do not hesitate to contact myself in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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