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**Dear John**

**Network Licence Condition 15 – appointment of a new non-executive director**

Thank you for your letter of 11 November 2010 regarding the appointment of non-executive directors to Network Rail's Board.

As you know, our most recent planned appointment to our Board fell through at a late stage necessitating a fresh recruitment search. We therefore requested that the period for achieving compliance with Condition 15.4 of our network licence be extended from the one month specified in Condition 15.5 to 31 March 2011. Your letter of 11 November granted this extension.

Following a very active recruitment search I am now delighted to be able to write to you to inform you that we have found an excellent candidate who we expect to be able to appoint to our Board with effect from early July 2011. We expect to be able to announce this appointment in February. We therefore request a further extension for achieving compliance with Condition 15.4 to 31 July 2011 so as to avoid the possibility to technical breach in the interim period.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Plummer", written over the typed name.

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