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Dear Mr Hodge

**2007 Review of the Combined Code: Consultation on Proposed Changes to the Code**

I am writing in response to your consultation on proposed changes to the Combined Code.

I am pleased to note that you are proposing to remove the restriction in provision A.4.3 on an individual chairing more than one FTSE 100 company. As you may recall from my response to your review of the Combined Code, this is something which I raised then as a point for consideration and I am happy therefore to confirm my support for this proposed change.

I am also in favour of your other substantive proposal, to allow the chairman of a listed company outside the FTSE 350 to be a member of, but not chair, its audit committee, provided that he or she was considered independent on appointment.

Yours sincerely

