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For the attention of Mr David Horsley

27 February 2013

Dear Sirs

**Mrs Gladys Mabel Richards (Deceased) - Inquest**

Thank you for your letter dated 20 February 2013 reiterating the scope of the enquiry. We will forward a copy to Mrs MacKenzie so that she is reminded about this.

Yours faithfully

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