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The Board of Shannon Group
Shannon Group, plc
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Statutory Direction to Shannon Group PLC

Dear Board Members,

I refer to section 27 of the State Airports (Shannon Group) Act 2014 and to the power vested in me under that Section to give directions in writing to Shannon Group PLC ("Shannon Group") requiring it to comply with such policies of the Government as are specified in the direction. I also refer to EU State Aid rules, including Article 56a of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 (the General Block Exemption Regulation) with regard to aid for regional airports, and to the 2014 EU Guidelines on State Aid and Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1084 of 14 June 2017 amending Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 as regards aid for port and airport infrastructure.

In accordance with my statutory powers, I hereby direct the board of Shannon Group, to ensure that the aforementioned rules and guidelines on State aid are fully adhered to by Shannon Group and by each of its subsidiaries acting independently and/or in association with each other.

In particular, business arrangements (i) between Shannon Airport Authority DAC and Shannon Commercial Enterprises DAC (each being a subsidiary of Shannon Group), (ii) between Shannon Group and those subsidiaries, and (iii) between those subsidiaries and third parties, must not involve unlawful State aid.

The statutory provisions adopted under the State Airports (Shannon Group) Act 2014, enabling restructuring and consolidation of activities in Shannon, also provided for clear separation of functions within Shannon Group. It is a matter for Shannon Group to underpin this statutory framework by ensuring robust governance systems are put in place, and are maintained, to safeguard against any potential breaches of State aid rules.



This Direction should be read as repealing and replacing the Direction given to Shannon Group on 10 December 2014 titled "Statutory Direction to Shannon Group PLC regarding State Aid" which was laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas on 11 December 2014 (Oireachtas Library document identification 169790).

Yours sincerely,

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Hildegarde Naughton T.D.
Minister of State for Transport

Cc. Mary Considine, CEO of Shannon Group