Antonio Tajani Vice-President of the European Commission

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Dear Mr. Adams, Dear Mr Durcan,

The European Commission is strongly committed to develop a strong and modern industrial policy, taking action at the regulatory and policy level. To this end, we have allocated almost $\in 150$ billion in funding for the period 2014-2020, including structural funds and research and innovation funds.

We are focusing particularly on high-tech companies, such as Micron, which can ensure a future of competitiveness to the European economy.

Therefore, I am glad that the activities of Micron in Europe have enabled Micron Group to have results of a great value at a global level.

In fact, I want to congratulate you on the excellent business performance in 2013, as I was informed that the turnover has increased by 120 % and the value of the stock from 6 to 25 dollars.

Unfortunately, contrarily to such a scenario of strong growth, a group of employees of Micron Semiconductor's establishment in Italy approached me to inform me of the drastic restructuring currently in progress, with the possible dismissal of 419 workers. As you can imagine, this decision could have a serious social impact, especially in a period when the crisis has already caused a significant loss of jobs.

It is also difficult for me to understand the reasons for such action, given that the research activities carried out in these establishments has contributed significantly to the success of Micron worldwide.

I understand that EU funding has supported Micron in its growth, in particular financing some of your research activities. Therefore your decision to reduce your engagement in this field, at least in Europe, would be unfortunate in light of the excellent past collaboration between the European Commission and Micron.

I would therefore like to propose to you a meeting with my staff and your staff in the upcoming two weeks in order to understand the reasons that take you to this decision. We would furthermore be glad to explain all funding programmes that could make the continuation of the activities even more convenient, while preserving the current level of employment.

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In the meantime, I would be grateful if you could defer on the measures to reduce the number of Micron Europe's employees.

Kind regards,

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