Dear Sir/Madam,

1. **PROCEDURE**

(1) On 20 December 2013, the Spanish authorities notified, in accordance with Article 108(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (hereinafter "TFEU"), the prolongation of the above-mentioned state aid measures. The date of notification, the title and the new duration for each notified aid scheme are detailed in the Annex to this decision (hereinafter "the Annex").

2. **DESCRIPTION OF THE AID SCHEMES AND THE NOTIFIED AMENDMENTS**

(2) All aid schemes listed in the Annex have been declared compatible with the internal market pursuant to Article 107 of the TFEU. Those aid schemes were assessed on the basis of the Community Framework for state aid for research and development and innovation (hereinafter "the R&D&I Framework")\(^1\), and their primary objective is to promote research and development projects. In the Annex, references are made to those decisions, which contain a detailed description of the aid schemes in question. With the present notifications Spain seeks to extend the period of application of all aid schemes, as listed in the Annex, until and including 30 June 2014 with no increase in the budget.

(3) Spain confirmed that all the other conditions and commitments contained in the respective Commission decisions approving the state aid schemes as listed in the Annex remain unchanged.

3. **ASSESSMENT**

(4) The described prolongations of the above-mentioned aid schemes were notified by the Spanish authorities in compliance with Article 108(3) of the TFEU.

(5) The Commission notes that the prolongation of authorised aid schemes as listed in the Annex until and including 30 June 2014 does not affect its earlier assessments of the schemes. The amended schemes will thus continue to operate in line with the conditions approved by the Commission in the previous decisions and therefore comply with the relevant provisions of the R&D&I Framework. Consequently, the Commission maintains its reasoning set out in its previous decisions approving the above-mentioned aid schemes.

(6) On this basis, the Commission considers that the prolongation of the aid schemes listed in the Annex until and including 30 June 2014 is compatible with the internal market pursuant to Article 107 (3) (c) of the TFEU.

4. **CONCLUSION**

(7) The Commission has accordingly decided to consider the prolongation of the State aid schemes as listed in the Annex to be compatible with the internal market pursuant to Article 107 (3) (c) of the TFEU. It accordingly decides not to raise objections to the measures.

(8) The Commission reminds the Spanish authorities that, in accordance with Article 108(3) TFEU, all plans to refinance or change the aid measures in question have to be notified to the Commission.

(9) Prior to implementing the measures, the Spanish authorities shall publish the full text of the final aid measures on the internet.

(10) The Commission further reminds the Spanish authorities to submit annual reports on the implementation of the notified measures.

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Yours faithfully,

For the Commission

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Annex

List of State aid schemes for which an extension of the duration until and including 30 June 2014 is notified in relation to State aid schemes approved under the R&D&I Framework

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<th>State aid number</th>
<th>Date of Notification</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Notified duration</th>
<th>Notified budget increase (if any)</th>
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<td>SA.38041</td>
<td>20/12/2013</td>
<td>Aid scheme to R&amp;D&amp;I – La Rioja (Extension 1/1/2014-30/6/2014)</td>
<td>1/1/2014-30/06/2014</td>
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<td>SA.38046</td>
<td>20/12/2013</td>
<td>Gaitec Programme (Extension 1/1/2014-30/6/2014)</td>
<td>1/1/2014-30/06/2014</td>
<td>No increase notified</td>
<td>N 156/2008</td>
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¹ All Commission decisions which have approved the State aid schemes in question are published in their authentic language on [http://ec.europa.eu/competition/elojade/isef/index.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/competition/elojade/isef/index.cfm); the latter also informs about the reference to the Official Journal where a summary of the respective decisions has been published in all official languages.