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REGIONAL FUND AWARDS GRANTS OF 54 M.U.A.

FIRST ALLOCATION 1977

U.K. Receives Nearly £5 millio

The Commission has just approved grants from the European Regional Development Fund totalling 54.6 million units of account (£22.75 million). The projects received the necessary favourable opinion from the Fund Management Committee in 1976, but for budgetary reasons the Commission's decision could not be taken before the New Year.

The grants relate to 109 investment projects in Ireland, Italy and the United Kingdom, representing a total investment of 377 m.u.a. (£157m). Of the 54 m.u.a. granted, 26 m.u.a. (£11m) are for 59 projects in the industry, handicraft and service fields, and 27 m.u.a. (£11.25m) for 45 infrastructure projects.

The attached tables give a national and regional breakdown of the grants made under the new allocation, plus cumulative figures for all grants since October 1975.

Payments are made to the national governments in line with their own expenditure in connection with the projects concerned. The governments are entitled, in accordance with the Fund regulation (+), to pass on the money to the investor, or to treat it as partial reimbursement of their own expenditure. In the latter event, the additional resources thus made available to them are to be used for other regional development purposes, so that the total regional development effort is increased correspondingly.

(+) Council Regulation (EEC) No 724/75 (O.J. No L 73 of 21.3.75)

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Grants to the United Kingdom: £4.8 million

Attached is also a list of U.K. projects for which grants have been approved. The money will be paid to the United Kingdom Government in step with the Government's own expenditure on the projects concerned.

As far as industrial projects are concerned, the Community grants now announced represent a Fund contribution of up to half the cost of the assistance given to individual projects by the United Kingdom Government.

European Regional Development Fund grants are not paid to the companies concerned in addition to the assistance they receive from the Government because it is not the purpose of the Fund to enable the individual investor systematically to get an additional grant from the Community over and above what he would have received from the Government in any case. If that were to be done generally, it would simply mean that the same number of investments was undertaken but selected individual companies each got more. The main objective of the Fund is rather to enable a larger volume of regional industrial development, and associated investment in infrastructure, to take place than would have been possible if the Government had had to rely on national resources alone.

The Community grants towards infrastructure projects are passed on in full to the local and other public authorities concerned, thus reducing the amount they have to borrow to finance the investment in question.

Applications for grants in respect of projects with a total investment cost exceeding 10 million units of account (approximately £ 4.1 million) are dealt with separately. Smaller projects are grouped in a global application and a grant is made in respect of the whole group. It is not possible to give a figure for the aid granted to individual projects in this second category.

The United Kingdom had previously received £ 94.9 million of grants from the Regional Fund since October 1975. The present allocation brings the total grants to £ 99.7 million.

SCOTLANDTOTAL AID

£4 214 100

A. Industry projects

Arbroath, Angus - Halliburton Manufacturing & Services Ltd

£1 050 000

(The establishment of a complex for the manufacture of equipment for the petroleum development industry including large pressure tanks for the storage and handling of bulk cement and drilling and floating equipment, surface safety equipment, oilwell completion equipment, and multi-stage packers and packer collars.)

B. Infrastructure projects

Hunterston, Cunninghame, Strathclyde - Clyde Port Authority

£3 164 100

(Provision of marine work for the handling of iron ore, coal and other commodities compatible with its use as an iron ore terminal. The jetty is being constructed to serve expanded and modernised steel production capacity at Ravenscraig, and new plant at Hunterston. It will be open to use by other industries exporting or importing materials in bulk, namely ore, coal, minerals or crude oil.)

YORKSHIRE / ND HUMBERSIDE

TOTAL AID
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£553 507

A. Infrastructure projects (global application)

Batley, West Yorkshire (advance factory)

Bradford (4 advance factories)

Brighouse, West Yorkshire (advance factory)

Dewsbury, West Yorkshire (advance factory)

Doncaster (4 advance factories)

Grimsby (2 advance factories)

Halifax (advance factory)

Hemsworth, West Yorkshire (advance factory)

Hull (3 advance factories)

Leeds (advance factory)

Rotherham (3 advance factories)

Todmorden, West Yorkshire (advance factory)

Whitby (advance factory)

Total aid in respect of 24 projects (global application)

£553 507.

SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

TOTAL AID
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£54 579

A. Infrastructure projects

Plymouth (advance factory)

Truro (advance factory)

West Penwith (advance factory)

Total aid in respect of 3 infrastructure projects
(global application)

£54 579

Statistiques nationales: Concours octroyés en millions d'unités de compte (chiffres arrondis; entre parenthèses: nombre de projets d'investissement)

	I. Activités industrielles, artisanales et de service		II. Infrastructures		III. Infrastructures concernant l'agriculture de montagne		IV. Totaux	
	1 ^o tranche 1977	Total 75 + 76 + 77	1 ^o tranche 1977	Total 75 + 76 + 77	1 ^o tranche 1977	Total 75 + 76 + 77	1 ^o tranche 1977	Total 75 + 76 + 77
BELGIE/BELGIQUE	-	2,32(11)	-	8,39(53)	-	-	-	10,71(64)
DANMARK	-	1,19(19)	-	9,10(57)	-	-	-	10,29(76)
DEUTSCHLAND	-	11,49(148)	-	17,89(112)	-	-	-	29,38(260)
FRANCE	-	43,97(302)	-	74,64(133)	-	3,88(6)	-	122,49(441)
IRELAND	2,47(1)	28,43(70)	-	23,37(107)	0,72(5)	5,79(23)	3,19(6)	57,59(200)
ITALIA	21,49(57)	93,63(163)	18,34(17)	252,37(91)	-	22,08(276)	39,83(74)	368,08(530)
LUXEMBOURG	-	-	-	0,75(1)	-	-	-	0,75(1)
NEDERLAND	-	-	-	15,58(11)	-	-	-	15,58(11)
UNITED KINGDOM	2,52(1)	89,89(293)	9,06(28)	141,62(903)	-	8,08(58)	11,58(29)	239,59(1254)
	26,48(59)	270,92(1006)	27,40(45)	543,71(1468)	0,72(5)	39,83(363)	54,60(109)	854,46(2837)

*To convert into £ stg divide by 2.4.

Tableau II

Fonds Européen de Développement Régional, janvier 1977

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<u>IRELAND</u>								
Donegal	-	(4)	-	(16)	(1)	(3)	(1)	(23)
North West	-	(2)	-	(6)	(2)	(3)	(2)	(11)
West	-	(14)	-	(14)	(1)	(10)	(1)	(38)
Mid West	-	(7)	-	(11)	-	-	-	(18)
South West	(1)	(12)	-	(11)	(1)	(7)	(2)	(30)
South East	-	(7)	-	(14)	-	-	-	(21)
Midlands	-	(8)	-	(18)	-	-	-	(26)
East	-	(7)	-	(10)	-	-	-	(17)
North East	-	(9)	-	(5)	-	-	-	(14)
Projets multirégionaux	-	-	-	(2)	-	-	-	(2)
TOTAL	2,47(1)	28,43(70)	-	23,37(107)	0,72(5)	5,79(23)	3,19(6)	57,59(200)

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ITALIA								
Abruzzi	1,72(5)	3,05(11)	1,47(5)	5,65(11)	-	0,72(14)	3,19(10)	9,42(36)
Basilicata	-	2,20(5)	-	2,61(4)	-	3,84(55)	-	8,65(64)
Calabria	-	1,83(4)	6,20(1)	28,91(6)	-	5,11(87)	6,20(1)	35,85(97)
Campania	-	24,18(48)	-	41,27(16)	-	3,69(67)	-	69,14(131)
Lazio	6,15(16)	25,27(23)	2,49(2)	18,86(6)	-	2,41(17)	8,64(18)	46,54(46)
Marche	-	1,16(1)	1,96(1)	2,47(2)	-	-	1,96(1)	3,63(3)
Molise	-	-	0,15(1)	0,76(3)	-	1,90(10)	0,15(1)	2,66(13)
Puglia	10,89(24)	23,02(42)	-	19,54(11)	-	-	10,89(24)	42,56(53)
Sardegna	2,73(12)	5,81(15)	-	66,15(15)	-	2,44(12)	2,73(12)	74,40(42)
Sicilia	-	7,11(14)	6,07(7)	49,97(16)	-	1,97(14)	6,07(7)	59,05(44)
Projets multirégionaux (Basilicata-Puglia)	-	-	-	16,18(1)	-	-	-	16,18(1)
TOTAL	21,49(57)	93,63(163)	18,34(17)	252,37(91)	-	22,08(276)	39,83(74)	368,08(530)

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<u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>								
N. England	-	27,712(80)	-	34,776(183)	-	-	-	62,488(263)
N.W. England	-	7,009(32)	-	16,707(134)	-	-	-	23,716(166)
Yorkshire + Humberside	-	2,974(24)	1,328(24)	5,758(103)	-	-	1,328(24)	8,732(127)
E. Midlands	-	0,430(8)	-	0,774(18)	-	-	-	1,204(26)
S.W. England	-	1,222(18)	0,131(3)	2,554(50)	-	-	0,131(3)	3,776(68)
Scotland	2,520(1)	21,944(58)	7,594(1)	39,838(168)	-	7,018(41)	10,114(2)	68,800(267)
Wales	-	10,373(47)	-	24,574(192)	-	-	-	34,947(239)
N. Ireland	-	18,230(26)	-	16,594(53)	-	1,065(17)	-	35,839(96)
W. Midlands	-	-	-	0,038(2)	-	-	-	0,038(2)
TOTAL	2,520(1)	89,894(293)	9,053(28)	141,613(903)	-	8,083(58)	11,573(29)	239,590(1294)

Fonds Européen de Développement Régional, janvier 1977

Statistiques régionales: Concours octroyés en monnaie nationale (chiffres arrondis; entre parenthèses: nombre de projets d'investissement)

(en millions de £)

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<u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>								
N. England	-	11,545(80)	-	14,491(183)	-	-	-	26,036(263)
N.W. England	-	2,917(32)	-	6,962(134)	-	-	-	9,879(166)
Yorkshire + Humberside	-	1,238(24)	0,553(24)	2,404(103)	-	-	0,553(24)	3,642(127)
E. Midlands	-	0,179(8)	-	0,325(18)	-	-	-	0,504(26)
S.W. England	-	0,511(18)	0,055(3)	1,063(50)	-	-	0,055(3)	1,574(68)
Scotland	1,050(1)	9,140(58)	3,164(1)	16,609(168)	-	2,924(41)	4,214(2)	28,673(267)
Walès	-	4,317(47)	-	10,246(192)	-	-	-	14,563(239)
N. Ireland	-	7,597(26)	-	6,914(53)	-	0,445(17)	-	14,956(96)
W. Midlands	-	-	-	0,014(2)	-	-	-	0,014(2)
TOTAL	1,050(1)	37,444(293)	3,772(28)	59,028(903)	-	3,369(58)	4,822(29)	99,841(1254)