

1SEC/3/81

January 20, 1981

EMBARGO: Not for use by media or on agency or club tapes  
before 15.00 HOURS, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1981

£12.5M TO UNITED KINGDOM UNDER REGIONAL FUND

(Fourth allocation of grants, 1980)

Attached is a list of the projects in respect of which grants were approved in December in the fourth allocation under the Fund's 1980 budget. A grant towards the cost of a study is included in the list. The money will be paid to the United Kingdom Government in step with national expenditure on the projects concerned. This brings Regional Fund grants to the UK to £157m in 1980, and to £566m since the Fund began operations in 1975.

About two-thirds of ERDF grants are towards infrastructure projects. This finance is 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. A major project of this kind in this latest announcement is for improvement at Manchester Airport.

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.

|                                 | Industry, Tourism   |                  | Infrastructure      |                  | Totals in £m        |                  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
|                                 | 4th tranche<br>1980 | Total<br>1975-80 | 4th tranche<br>1980 | Total<br>1975-80 | 4th tranche<br>1980 | Total<br>1975-80 |
| Northern England                | 1.81                | 43.46            | -                   | 72.92            | 1.81                | 116.38           |
| N.W. England                    | 0.38                | 65.30            | 1.90                | 35.23            | 2.28                | 100.53           |
| Yorkshire &<br>Humberside       | -                   | 4.96             | -                   | 30.50            | -                   | 35.46            |
| East Midlands                   | -                   | 1.42             | -                   | 1.50             | -                   | 2.92             |
| S.W. England                    | 1.38                | 2.87             | -                   | 10.12            | 1.38                | 12.99            |
| Scotland (1)                    | 6.47                | 36.08            | 0.06                | 87.51            | 6.53                | 131.46           |
| Wales                           | -                   | 38.94            | -                   | 58.42            | -                   | 97.36            |
| Northern Ireland <sup>(2)</sup> | 0.46                | 36.86            | -                   | 48.30            | 0.46                | 85.62            |
| West Midlands                   | -                   | -                | -                   | 0.35             | -                   | 0.35             |
|                                 | 10.50               | 229.89           | 1.96                | 344.85           | 12.46               | 583.07           |
| Revisions                       |                     |                  |                     |                  |                     | 16.62            |
|                                 |                     |                  |                     |                  |                     | 566.45           |

(1) Includes £7.87m for mountain region infrastructure 1975-80

(2) Includes £460 000 for mountain region infrastructure 1975-80

SCOTLAND

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| <u>TOTAL AID</u><br>=====  | £6 528 500<br>===== |
| <u>Industrial project</u>  |                     |
| - Strathclyde, Greenock - National Semiconductor (UK) Ltd<br>(Electronics) | £6 470 500          |
| <u>Infrastructure project</u> (global application)                         |                     |
| - Strathclyde, Glasgow<br>(Modernisation of Meadowside Granary)            | £58 000             |

NORTHERN ENGLAND

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| <u>TOTAL AID</u><br>=====  | £1 805 000<br>===== |
| <u>Industrial project</u>  |                     |
| - Durham, Darlington - British Industrial Plastics Ltd<br>(Vinyl resin powder, PVC compound, PVC pipe) |                     |

YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <u>TOTAL AID</u><br>=====   | £82 500<br>===== |
| - Humberside, Grimsby<br>(Feasibility study into the reclamation of land for industrial<br>development at Pyewipe, Grimsby) |                  |

NORTH WEST ENGLAND

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| <u>TOTAL AID</u><br>=====  | £2 279 340<br>===== |
| <u>Infrastructure project</u>  |                     |
| - Greater Manchester, Manchester - Manchester International<br>Airport Authority<br>(Strengthening and improvement of existing main runway and<br>runway lighting) | £1 898 340          |
| <u>Industrial project</u> (global application)   |                     |
| - Merseyside, Liverpool - Higsons Brewery Ltd<br>(Beer and Lager)  | £381 000            |

SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| <u>TOTAL AID</u><br>=====  | £1 387 625<br>===== |
| <u>Industrial projects</u>   |                     |
| - Devon, Plymouth - Becton Dickinson (UK) Ltd<br>(Vacuum container blood samplers) | £1 101 000          |

SOUTH WEST ENGLAND (cont'd)

Aid is given under global applications to the following projects:

Cornwall

- Liskeard - Flexible Cork Co Ltd  
(Rubber bonded cork materials)
- Millendreath Holiday Village, D.C. and J.W. West  
(Extra squash courts, changing rooms, public WCs, showers and extensions to shop and cafe)

Devon

- Milton-Damerel, Holsworthy - Woodford Bridge Hotel  
(Addition of self-catering units to hotel and construction of leisure centre)
- Saunton Sands, Croyde - Saunton Sands Hotel  
(Purchase and installation of sewage treatment plant for hotel; swimming pool, tennis courts and bar)

Total aid in respect of 4 industrial projects (global application)      £286 625

NORTHERN IRELAND

TOTAL AID      £462 575  
=====      =====

Industrial projects (global application)

Antrim

- Lisburn - John Tyrrell Tanks Ltd  
(Plastic domestic cold water tanks)
- Newtownabbey - Montracon Ltd  
(Trailers for articulated vehicles)

Armagh

- Craigavon - Unidare Engineering Ltd  
(PVC piping, transformers and electric storage heaters)

Castlereagh

- Belfast - Tenneco Walker (UK) Ltd  
(Silencer boxes)

Londonderry

- Swatragh - Desmond & Sons Ltd  
(Men's and boys' pyjamas)

Tyrone

- Dungannon - M & K Quarry Plant Ltd  
(Quarry machinery and ready-mixed concrete batching equipment)

Total aid in respect of 6 industrial projects (global application)      £462 575