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£30.6 MILLION REGIONAL FUND GRANTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

Sixth Allocation in 1986

The European Commission has approved grants from the Regional Development Fund amounting to £30,625,637 in respect of 19 investments in the United Kingdom.

In the Northern Region a grant of £3.4m has been made for the extension, re-modelling and restoration of the Theatre Royal in Newcastle a significant tourism related infrastructure. The revitalised Theatre is expected to generate more than 30 000 additional overnight visitors to Newcastle each year as well as further extensive numbers of day trippers. The region will benefit from the resulting spin-off economic activity.

In the North West Region a grant of £1.2m has been made towards site preparation work and the provision of on-site infrastructure to open up the Bowers Employment Area, Widnes. It is estimated that some 730 additional jobs will be created in the industrial sector as well as 250 new jobs in the proposed retail park. Also, £375,000 has been awarded in respect of an expansion by Presbar Diecastings Ltd in Manchester. The investment by the company is expected to create 140 new jobs.

In the East Midlands, Midland Ross Ltd have been allocated a grant of £540,000 to enable the company to expand the manufacture of aerospace and electronic components. Some 200 new jobs are being created and a further 180 are to be maintained.

In Scotland grants totalling £10.56m have been made. Of this total almost half (£5.2m) has been awarded for Scottish projects yet to be announced. Of the projects announced at present noteworthy is the grant of £1.97m towards the enlargement of the Carron Valley reservoir to supply the industrial Assisted Areas of Falkirk and Grangemouth with water.

Northern Ireland has received total aid of £7.36m for 3 investments in industry and infrastructure. Grants of £3.3m towards investments in textile industry will help create 148 new jobs in Co. Down and Co. Antrim. The development of an important holiday centre and theme park at Dundonald, which will assist the growth of the tourist industry in Greater Belfast, has been allocated a grant of £4.0m.

Wales has received grant commitments totalling over £7m for both industrial and infrastructure investment. The investments in industry will result in the creation of 185 new jobs, and the preservation of nearly 3000 existing jobs, mainly in the Gwent area.

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## EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

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6th TRANCHE 1986	INDUSTRY		INFRASTRUCTURE		STUDIES		TOTAL	
UNITED KINGDOM								
NORTH	0,00	(0)	3,42	(1)			3,42	(1)
EAST MIDLANDS	0,54	(1)	0,00	(0)			0,54	(1)
NORTH WEST	0,38	(1)	1,22	(1)			1,60	(2)
WALES	5,80	(6)	1,33	(1)			7,13	(7)
SCOTLAND	6,90	(3)	3,66	(2)			10,56	(5)
NORTHERN IRELAND	3,35	(2)	4,03	(1)			7,38	(3)
TOTAL	16,96	(13)	13,66	(6)			30,63	(19)
1986 - TRANCHE 1-6	INDUSTRY		INFRASTRUCTURE		STUDIES		TOTAL	
UNITED KINGDOM								
NORTH	0,38	(4)	6,22	(17)	0,00	(0)	6,60	(21)
YORKSHIRE HUMBERSIDE	0,32	(6)	2,22	(10)	0,00	(0)	2,55	(16)
EAST MIDLANDS	0,89	(7)	0,00	(0)	0,00	(0)	0,89	(7)
SOUTH WEST	0,09	(3)	0,13	(3)	0,00	(0)	0,22	(6)
WEST MIDLANDS	0,50	(10)	5,54	(23)	0,00	(0)	6,05	(33)
NORTH WEST	1,51	(15)	6,32	(27)	0,00	(0)	7,83	(42)
WALES	9,84	(25)	9,92	(43)	0,00	(0)	19,76	(68)
SCOTLAND	8,07	(11)	12,63	(44)	0,00	(0)	20,71	(55)
NORTHERN IRELAND	4,26	(17)	9,27	(39)	0,00	(0)	13,53	
TOTAL	25,87	(98)	52,25	(206)	0,00	(0)	78,12	(304)
1975 - 1986	INDUSTRY		INFRASTRUCTURE		STUDIES		TOTAL	
UNITED KINGDOM								
NORTH	80,94	(143)	229,58	(1087)	0,36	(10)	310,87	(1240)
YORKSHIRE HUMBERSIDE	12,98	(72)	143,76	(635)	0,27	(7)	157,01	(714)
EAST MIDLANDS	5,98	(38)	29,86	(77)	0,55	(4)	36,39	(119)
SOUTH WEST	5,91	(48)	71,39	(253)	0,13	(5)	77,44	(306)
WEST MIDLANDS	2,01	(12)	72,54	(145)	0,00	(0)	74,54	(157)
NORTH WEST	48,35	(110)	198,28	(867)	0,14	(2)	246,77	(979)
WALES	72,15	(173)	261,44	(1030)	0,65	(7)	334,24	(1210)
SCOTLAND	135,81	(240)	379,99	(1561)	0,49	(14)	516,29	(1815)
NORTHERN IRELAND	76,39	(256)	140,07	(579)	0,19	(4)	216,64	(839)
MULTI-REGION	60,00	(2)	0,00	(0)	1,06	(2)	61,06	(4)
TOTAL	500,51	(1094)	1526,90	(6234)	3,85	(55)	2031,26	(7383)

Number of projects in brackets.

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<u>REGION: NORTH</u>		<u>ERDF Contribution</u>
<u>Infrastructure</u>		
Newcastle upon Tyne Tyne and Wear	Modernisation: Theatre Royal extension remodelling and restoration Investor: Newcastle upon Tyne Met.City	£3,422,043
Total Infrastructure		£3,422,043
Total North		£3,422,043

REGION: EAST MIDLANDS

<u>Industry</u>			
Castleton Derbyshire	New construction: Manufacture and factoring of electronic components Investor: Midland-Ross Ltd		£ 540,000
Total Industry	Jobs created 200	Jobs maintained 180	£ 540,000
Total East Midlands	Jobs created 200	Jobs maintained 180	£ 540,000

REGION: NORTH WEST

<u>Industry</u>			
Manchester Greater Manchester	New construction: Manufacture of Aluminium Diecastings Investor: Presbar Diecastings Ltd		£ 375,000
Total Industry	Jobs created 140		£ 375,000

Infrastructure

Halton Cheshire	New construction: Bowers employment area, Widnes Investor: Cheshire CC		£1,221,500
Total Infrastructure			£1,221,500
Total North West	Jobs created 140		£1,596,500

<u>REGION: WALES</u>		<u>ERDF Contribution</u>	
<u>Industry</u>			
Torfaen Gwent	Modernisation: Motor Vehicle Equipment Investor: Lucas Girling Ltd	£1,549,000	
Saltney Clwyd	Modernisation: Manufacture of Building Materials Investor: Colas Products Ltd	£ 358,500	
St Asaph Clwyd	Extension: Manufacture of Plastic conduits & trunkings Investor: EGA Ltd	£ 645,500	
Cwmbran Gwent	Modernisation: Sweet Biscuits Investor: Burton's Gold Medal Biscuits Ltd	£2,178,500	
Croeserw West Glamorgan	New construction: Manufacture of Plastic bags Investor: UK Extrusions and Plastic Bags Co Ltd, Stoll Kunststoffe OHG	£ 462,600	
Llanelli Dyfed	Modernisation: Copper Wire drawing operation Investor: Delta Enfield Cables Ltd	£ 602,500	
Total Industry	Jobs created 185	Jobs maintained 2947	£5,796,600

Infrastructure

Rhondda Mid Glamorgan	New construction: Open landfill waste disposal site and an access road Investor: Rhondda Borough Council		£1,330,662
Total Infrastructure			£1,330,662
Total Wales	Jobs created 185	Jobs maintained 2947	£7,127,262

REGION: SCOTLAND

<u>Industry</u>			
Scotland	New construction: Yet to be announced		£5,200,000
Dundee Tayside	New construction: Manufacture of microwave coaxial cables, surgical gowns and drapes Investor: W L Gore and Associates Ltd		£1,185,000
Dundee Tayside	New construction: Manufacture of plastic coatings Investor: W L Gore and Associates Ltd		£ 512,000
Total Industry	Jobs created 899		£6,897,000

REGION: SCOTLANDERDF ContributionInfrastructure

Carron Valley Central	Extension: Carron Valley Reservoir Investor: Central Regional Council	£1,966,000
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Windygates Fife	New construction: Windygates Bypass Investor: Fife Regional Council, Fife House	£1,697,000
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Total Infrastructure		£3,663,000
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Total Scotland	Jobs created 899		£10,560,000
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REGION: NORTHERN IRELANDIndustry

Belfast Antrim	Extension: Manufacture of Linen Yarn Investor: Herdmans Ltd	£2,634,500
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Newtownards Down	New construction: Flax Spinners Investor: Downlinen Yarns	£ 719,250
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Total Industry	Jobs created 148	Jobs maintained 537	£3,353,750
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Infrastructure

Belfast Antrim	New construction: Holiday Centre Investor: Castlereagh Borough Council	£4,029,082
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Total Infrastructure		£4,029,082
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Total Northern Ireland	Jobs created 148	Jobs maintained 537	£7,382,832
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TOTAL UNITED KINGDOM	Jobs created 1572	Jobs maintained 3664	£30,628,637
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