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Dear Sir David Tweedie and Mr. Robert Herz

Reporting Discontinued Operations

The British Property Federation (BPF) is the voice of property in the UK, representing companies owning, managing and investing in property. This includes a broad range of businesses comprising commercial property owners, the financial institutions and pension funds, corporate landlords, local private landlords, as well as all those professions that support the industry. The BPF estimates that its members manage property assets worth approximately £200 billion.

The BPF supports the global harmonisation of rational accounting standards and is working closely with real estate organisations around the world to develop global real estate industry consensus on accounting standards and reporting best practices.

We understand that the FASB and IASB have tentatively agreed to a harmonised definition of discontinued operations where the disposal of a component(s) of an entity would be reported in the discontinued operations section of the financial statements only if that component(s) represents an operating segment, as defined in FASB Statement No. 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information.

We also understand that the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT) has requested that the FASB and IASB complete the due process with respect to the conclusions reached on the harmonised definition of discontinued operations as a separate project, rather than to incorporate these conclusions in the Financial Statement Presentation project.
We have reviewed NAREIT’s letter dated February 23, 2007 and urge the FASB and IASB to consider NAREIT’s request such that the harmonised definition of discontinued operations be applied as early as possible.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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