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Dear Caroline,

Re: EDEN SPRINGS UK LIMITED

Thank you for your letter dated 16 November regarding Eden Springs UK Ltd.

As stated in my previous letter dated 26 October 2009, we are aware that previous issues of this nature have been raised to the Scottish Parliament in 2006/7 regarding the ownership of Eden Springs and its links with Mei Eden in Israel. The outcome of the petitions raised found that there were no grounds to terminate contracts held by Eden Springs.

Buying Solutions cannot speculate on the future activities of any organisation, and can only assess all bids on the basis of facts at that time. Under public procurement legislation, it is possible to exclude a company from participating in a competitive tendering exercise where the company has been convicted of a criminal offence or committed an act of grave misconduct relating to the conduct of that company's business or profession and this will be taken into consideration.

I hope you find this response covers all the issues you have raised.

Yours sincerely



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