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### APPLICATION UNDER THE BUSINESS APPOINTMENT RULES

Dear Rohan

Further to your application under the Business Appointments Rules to undertake an appointment as Entrepreneur in Residence at Index Ventures, I note that you were informed on 29 July 2013 of the advice of the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments which forms the basis of the following decision.

Please accept my apology for an administrative oversight in confirming that your application is approved, subject to the condition that you should not draw on any privileged information available to you while in Crown service and that, for two years from 28 June 2013 (your last day of service), you should not become personally involved in lobbying the UK Government on behalf of your new employer or its clients.

The Business Appointment Rules define lobbying in the following way: "Lobbying in this context means that the former civil servant should not engage in communication with Government – including Ministers, Special Advisers and officials – with a view to influencing a Government decision or policy in relation to their own interests, or the interests of the organisation by which they are employed, or to whom they are contracted".

As with all Special Advisers, the Committee made this recommendation on the understanding that you confirm in writing to my office that you recognise that you continue to be bound by the provisions of the criminal law (including the Official Secrets Act) which protect certain categories of information, and by your duty of confidentiality owed to the Crown.

Please also could you submit a subsequent application for your own business, once the nature of this business has been established.

On receipt of your acceptance of the above conditions, we will arrange for the main details of the application, together with the Advisory Committee's advice, to be published in the regularly updated consolidated list on our website.

Finally, please can you contact us again in the event that you propose to extend or otherwise change your role as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for you to make a fresh application.

*Yours,  
Richard*

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