

## **ANNEX 1 (Letter S27C)**

**Your Reference:**

**Our Reference: 1R31/Name/File Reference**

Date

Dear Sirs

**Patent number: xxxxxxxx (Proprietors Name)**

**Application to amend the specification of a patent under Section 27 of the Patents Act 1977.**

**Latest date for reply xx.XX.xx**

I refer to your application for amendment filed on xx.XX.xx .

You are advised that the nine month period allowed to oppose the European Patent (UK) has not yet expired. In these circumstances there are two options available to you

- a. staying the request until the opposition period has expired or the opposition proceedings have been settled, or
- b. proceeding with the request to amend under Section 27 on the understanding that the amendment may be negated as a result of subsequent amendment before the EPO.

Please see paragraph 27.05.1 of The Manual of Patent Practice.

You should advise me of your decision regarding the above by xx.XX.xx.

Yours faithfully

*Your Name*

Litigation Section

Patents Directorate