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RT Hon Dr Vince Cable
Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills
Dept for Business, Innovation and Skills
1 Victoria Street
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Thursday, 06 June 2013

Dear Sir,

RE: Government Consultation Pub Companies and Tenants April 2013

RMS Construction and Developments Ltd were established in 2004, employs 30 people and over 30 % of our turnover is from work with Punch Partnerships. The work has been developed through years of trusted relationships. Working in close partnerships with Punch Partnerships, we can carry out minor maintenance works up to full scale premises refurbishments. Throughout any given day we will be working on a Punch Partnership project, it has been because of this regular work we have been able to build a good level of understanding of the high quality of work required by us.

Some of our companies own accreditations have been achieved because of the work we do with Punch Partnerships and these accreditations ensure that we are constantly meeting and reviewing our requirements on social responsibility, waste management etc.

During our time we have met various landlords around the east midlands and sometimes further afield, we are always surprised of the diversity in management amongst these businesses, the ability Punch Partnerships has to pitch its premises to compliment the environment is second to none, and we are in no doubt that these premises provide a much needed community spirit around the country. Not only would a reduction in the pubs directly affect RMS business in terms of turnover but the negative effect would have a huge impact in these communities.

RMS has always prided itself with sourcing materials locally or using local subcontractors in specialist work. A decrease in our activity with Punch



Partnerships would have an adverse effect to additional 30-40 suppliers, some of which 50% of their work is with RMS and Punch Partnerships.

As a company we have not long started to turnaround the business after the recession in 2009 which was compounded by the smoking ban in 2007, whilst recognising the health benefits of this ban we definitely saw a decrease in the number of pubs requiring refurbishment or maintenance. Punch Partnerships have adapted to the slowdown well, thinking of other ways to help their landlords keep and gain new business. We have benefitted from this over the last couple of years, and have since felt confident to increase employment and embark on an apprenticeship scheme.

Should RMS see a decrease in activity through Punch Partnerships the knock on effect would ultimately mean redundancies and a reduction in supplier activity which would also mean redundancies for their businesses also.

Yours faithfully,

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Director