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Dear Duncan,

Extension notice issued under Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007

This letter is an extension notice issued under paragraph 21(5) (b) of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 (the "Act"). The words used in this extension notice have the meanings given to them in the Act.

On 4 December 2020 we received the ICAEW's application for the approval of changes to its regulatory arrangements. In particular, changes to its Disciplinary Bye-laws and the addition of new supplementary regulations. Paragraph 21(4) of Schedule 4 to the Act sets out an initial decision period of 28 days within which the Legal Services Board may make a decision on the application; paragraph 21(5) allows for this period to be extended. The initial decision period of 28 days expires on 31 December 2020.

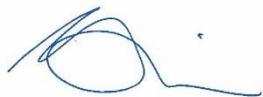
It will be necessary for the LSB to make additional enquiries with ICAEW so that the LSB may fully understand the impact of the proposed changes. As a result, the LSB has concluded that further time is required to allow those enquiries to conclude and to assess the additional information gathered.

Therefore, and in accordance with paragraphs 21(5), (6) and (7) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the Board considers it appropriate to extend the initial decision period to 90 days from the date on which the application was made. The end of the decision period will therefore be 3 March 2021, although the LSB expects to make a decision before that date.

If you have any questions in relation to this notice, please contact Steve Violet at steve.violet@legalservicesboard.org.uk.

A copy of this extension notice will be published on the LSB's website within the next two business days.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Hill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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