

**Ref: 5/2010**

20 July 2010

To the Forester or Forestry Company named in the address

Dear Sir or Madam

## **Forest Roads Scheme – Implementation of phased payments**

I refer to Circular 4/2010 amending the Forest Road Scheme payment arrangement to a two instalment system.

### **The first instalment**

Following receipt of a Form 2 and associated documentation, the 1<sup>st</sup> instalment grant will be paid on the successful completion of the road to the standard outlined in the approval letter and the COFORD Forest Road Manual. Only costs incurred up to Form 2 stage are deemed eligible as part of total costs.

### **The second instalment**

Following receipt of a Form 3 and associated documentation, the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment grant will be paid when the harvesting operation is completed in those areas due for thinning/harvesting. This area harvested must be at least half of the approved eligible area served by the road and indicated on a map accompanying the Form 3, which will be forwarded with the Form 2 payment letter, and will also be available on the Departments website (sample attached). The built road must continue to facilitate the objectives of the Road Scheme and facilitate access for timber haulage, management and emergency vehicles. It is accepted that minor repair works, which do not result in preventing vehicular access, will not result in non-payment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment grant.

The thinning/harvesting associated with this payment must be carried out in accordance with the environmental guidelines and the harvesting conditions of the felling licence and in particular any environmental protection measures related to archaeology, water quality and biodiversity.

Where at least half of the approved eligible area is not thinned/harvested within 3 years of date of 1<sup>st</sup> instalment payment, the 20% final payment will be forfeit.

Yours sincerely

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