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THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Peter,

I would like to send my warmest congratulations to the British Plastics Federation (BPF) on the occasion of your 80th Anniversary and for the valuable support that you have given the plastics sector over the years.

Occasions like this provide us with the opportunity to reflect on the vital role that plastics play in just about every facet of our daily lives. From packaging and electronics to construction and transportation, these are just a few of the now familiar aspects of our lives made possible by plastics. The plastics industry is also contributing enormously to our transition to a green economy, in particular through developing and supplying low carbon products and solutions which help other manufacturing sectors.

I was particularly pleased to see that respondents to your June 2013 half yearly business survey are increasingly optimistic about the UK economy. This is consistent with the recent good news about growth in our manufacturing sector in general. Although the decisive action that the Government took to rebalance the economy contributed to this development, it is also a tribute to the energy and enterprise of thousands of mainly small and medium size businesses in the plastics and other sectors.

Keep up the good work and I wish you and BPF members all the best for an enjoyable annual dinner.

*Yours,
David*

Mr Peter Davis OBE