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Re: HSE Cost Containment

Dear Managing Director / Chief Executive Officer,

In recognising supplier efforts in difficult times, the HSE has, where justified, extended price increases over the past number of years due to varying geo-economic factors. However, having conceded numerous increases we are now in a position where we can no longer sustain growth in price as this impacts on the much needed funds for patient care in a growing challenging environment.

I am writing to advise you that due to the budgetary constraints and unprecedented levels of demand on the health system, the HSE will not consider price increases in respect of goods and services between the date of this letter and the foreseeable future. It should be noted that normal contractual obligations will not be affected by the implementation of this measure.

We understand that this decision and your support for its implementation may raise issues for you. However, we are confident you will understand that it is absolutely necessary. HSE staff have been advised not to implement any application for price increase requests received, with immediate effect, and internal procedures are being put in place to manage this process.

We wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge your service and support and we look forward to your continued cooperation in the future.

Yours sincerely,

John Swords
National Director HSE Procurement

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Chief Financial Officer, HSE