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Request for confirmation of the fulfilment of the requirements of Article 116 Section 4 Regulation (EU) number 575/2013 (CRR)

Your letter of 23.12.2013

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in connection with your letter of 23.12.2013 and your request for confirmation of the fulfilment of the requirements of Article 116 Section 4 Regulation (EU) No. 575/2013 (CRR).

The Federal Financial Supervisory Authority is of the view that on the basis of an adequate guarantee made by the state of North Rhine Westphalia, there is no difference between the credit risks of the exposures to the NRW.BANK, for which the state of North Rhine Westphalia assumes liability in accordance with Section 4 of the law, and the comparable exposures to the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. The necessary adequate guarantee is, in the view of the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority, provided by way of the liability of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia as determined by law, because the state of North Rhine-Westphalia thereby assumes liability for the relevant payment obligations of the NRW.BANK which is equivalent to the explicit guarantee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions.

Kind regards,

On behalf of

Sgd. Judenhagen



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