Our Reference: O-LE-AL-07-0178

Your Reference:



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Dear Sir

£884,075,000 4.674% Series A Fixed Rate Guaranteed Bonds due 2040, £884,075,000 4.674% Series A Fixed Rate Guaranteed Bonds due 2040

We refer to the above fixed rate bond issues.

Aspire Defence Finance plc ("the Issuer") certifies that, up to 30 May 2007 ("the Certified Date"), the Issuer has complied with its material obligations under the Series A Bond Trust Deed and the Series B Bond Trust Deed (together "the Bond Trust Deeds") and that as at the Certified Date there did not exist nor had there existed at any time since the date of the Bond Trust Deeds, any Event of Default or Potential Event of Default (as such terms are defined therein) or other matter which would affect the Issuer's ability to perform its material obligations under the Bond Trust Deeds.

Yours faithfully