

From: WIRSPA
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2008
To: Richard Bernal
Cc: Frank Ward
Subject: EPA Negotiations

Dear Director-General:

I thought it prudent to wait until the EPA dust had settled a bit and particularly as I knew that many of your team were heading off in different directions for some well earned rest and recuperation. Please, therefore, forgive me for waiting a while to write to congratulate you and your entire team for a job more than well done in reaching a successful conclusion with the EU on a new Economic Partnership Agreement. It is an achievement which you and your colleagues should be justly proud of. From my perspective, the region now has many new opportunities to strengthen existing enterprises; develop new businesses; and create a new climate of innovation and entrepreneurship. The task ahead is to ensure that it all happens.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you and your colleagues for the tremendous support and encouragement which I as an individual and WIRSPA, the regional organisation with which I am associated, have received throughout this long and arduous but, in the end, most successful process.

Regards,

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