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Dear Colleagues,

The Prime Minister has asked me to reply to your letter of 3 April 2020. The situation is moving quickly and I wanted to write to you as soon as I was able to with an update.

The Government takes this issue extremely seriously and I want to reassure you that this matter is being looked at closely. My officials are working with their counterparts in the departments for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy, the National Cyber Security Centre, the Foreign Office, and Cabinet Office as a matter of urgency to understand the facts. I have today written to the Chairman of Imagination Technologies to ask for further information about the situation, request a delay in the board meeting, and to have an urgent meeting. They have confirmed that the meeting planned for Tuesday 7 April has been delayed.

You will be aware that the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy will bring forward legislation to give the Government further powers to scrutinise foreign transactions in the form of the National Security and Investment Bill. The Bill will strengthen our powers by building on our current merger and takeover regime and will be wide reaching and broad enough to keep pace with technological innovation. Despite the coronavirus crisis, teams are continuing to work hard on these plans and we intend to bring the Bill forward as quickly as we can in this session.

Of course, it would be unusual for me or my Department to comment in depth about a



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commercial matter at this point. Once we have further information, and to the extent that I am able, I will write again to you with an update and to respond in more detail to the other points raised in your letter. I can assure you that we will not hesitate to use all the tools available to us to mitigate any adverse impacts for the UK and will engage with our international counterparts where necessary.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, and the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Oliver Dowden', followed by a horizontal line.

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