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Dear *Paul*,

### **Development of the asset register - April 2007 progress report**

Iain Coucher wrote to Bill Emery on 29 March 2007 enclosing a progress report on the development of the asset register. We have reviewed the report against the requirements of the asset register guidelines as well as the relevant task completion reports we have received.

Your report shows satisfactory progress on the broader asset information strategy and we note the various initiatives being pursued. We welcome the move towards information integration and the further development of the core asset information systems along with the use of the Corporate Network Model to make access easier to operational, engineering and commercial information.

In respect of the 'core' asset register, we note that your report states that all but one of the initiatives in the remaining task 3c (see below) remain on target to deliver the scope of work specified in the guidelines within the required timescales. We have a few detailed comments:

#### **Property Asset Management System (PAMS)**

We noted that your April report states that there is a major challenge to complete the targeted programme of inspections before the end of September. We have discussed this with Mark Norman to understand better the risks to data quality in meeting the deadline date. We now have a greater understanding of your project plan and, accordingly, expect you to complete this work in accordance with your proposed timescales.



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## **Rail Defect Tracker**

We have concerns about the necessity for you to re-write your software for this system. In particular the costs and timescales that might be involved in this process. We would welcome an opportunity to discuss this with your staff and will set up a meeting in the near future.

We look forward to receiving your interim report in July, the last prior to the scheduled completion of the guidelines' tasks at the end of September. In the meantime, I should be grateful if you could please keep us informed of any developments.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael".

**Michael Lee**