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Authorisation for the Acting Executive Director to sign a lease and associated documents for the new EMA headquarters office

Management Board meeting 9 June 2011

Background note

The leases for the Agency's current offices at 1, 7 and 11 Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, London, expire on 31 December 2014.

The Board selected a new location for the Agency's headquarters at

discussions with a second of 16 and 17 March 2011 and mandated the Agency to conduct discussions with a second of the terms of a lease for the new offices. Acceptable terms have now been agreed.

Matters for consideration

In parallel to the above, both branches of the European Union budgetary authority – the European Parliament (on 24 May 2011) and the Council (on 2 May 2011) – and the European Commission have given their approval to the project. The European Parliament attached a number of conditions to its approval, and these will be taken into account as the project moves into the next phases.

The Management Board is therefore requested to give a mandate to the Acting Executive Director to sign the lease and associated documents for a new headquarters office building for the European Medicines Agency.

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