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Dear Ian,

Thank you for your letter from 15 July 2016, regarding industry progress on risk reduction relating to the interaction of track, vehicles and freight container loads.

Some good progress has been made since you attended the XIFDWG in May. Most notably, and following a number of industry bowtie risk assessment and prioritisation workshops, the group has now agreed on the Top 10 control measures that should be considered for further detailed assessment. A brief summary of this work is attached.

We have also recently held an industry workshop to help map out in more detail exactly where and how the work overseen by the group is helping individual members respond to the RAIB recommendations placed on them, and where it is not.

Other related work on the key enablers identified in the Top 10 above has also progressed well recently, particularly on finalising the specifications for the two research projects that have now been agreed in principle.

Acknowledging that individual dutyholders have their own responsibilities, we are now working on a co-ordinated industry response to your letter. There are a number of meetings and conversations that have already taken place or are booked into diaries to help us develop this coordinated response. These include discussions with the chairs of the National Freight Safety Group and Freight Technical Committee and senior managers from Network Rail, culminating in a proposed discussion at the System Safety Risk Group on the 8th September.

To ensure that we have as broad as possible industry representation it would help us if we had a complete list of individuals that you wrote to on this subject and wondered if you would be able to share that with us. We of course know all the members of XIFDWG, but if there are any other individuals you wrote to, and you're able to share that information that would be very helpful.

The current plan is for all relevant parties to provide their individual responses to you but in a coordinated manner referring to the work of XIFDWG, where appropriate. We expect to



be able to have our own response ready soon after the SSRG meeting on the 8th September. In the meantime, I would like to reassure you that we are making every effort to ensure that the work on the individual XIFDWG workstreams is progressing as a matter of priority.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'George Bearfield'.

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