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Dear Sirs

EMU Protocol Adherence

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our adherence to the ISDA EMU Protocol as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. on 6th May, 1998 (the "Protocol"). This letter constitutes an Adherence Letter as referred to in the Protocol.

The definitions and provisions contained in the Protocol are incorporated into this Adherence Letter which supplements and forms part of each ISDA Master Agreement between us and each other Adhering Party.

1. Specified Terms

Annex 1	ISDA EMU Continuity Provision	Applicable
Annex 2	Price Sources	Applicable
Annex 3	Payment Netting	Applicable
Annex 4	EMU Definitions	Applicable
Annex 5	Bond Options	Applicable

2. Appointment as Agent and Release

We hereby appoint ISDA as our agent for the limited purposes of the Protocol and accordingly we waive, and hereby release ISDA from, any rights, claims, actions or causes of action whatsoever (whether in contract, tort or otherwise) arising out of or in any way relating to this Adherence Letter or our adherence to the Protocol or any actions contemplated as being required by ISDA.

3. Payment

We enclose payment of U.S. \$500, in respect of our adherence to the EMU Protocol.

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International Swans and Derivatives Association,	Inc

4. Contact Details

Our contact details for purposes of this Adherence Letter are:

Name:

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We consent to the publication of the conformed copy of this letter by ISDA and to the disclosure by ISDA of the contents of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Northern Bank Ltd

SEALED WITH THE COMMON SEAL OF THE BANK THIS TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF JULY 1998.

THE COMMON SEAL OF NORTHERN BANK LIMITED was hereunto affixed in the presence of:-

J M BOYD	
	Authorised Signatory
J B S HODGINS	
	Authorised Signatory