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**Re: Your letter**

Dear Mr Giegold,

Thank you for your letter, which was passed on to me by Ms Sharon Bowles, Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, accompanied by a cover letter dated 2 July 2013.

The Centralised Securities Database (CSDB) is operated jointly by the members of the European System of Central Banks (ESCB), i.e. the national central banks (NCBs) of all EU Member States and the ECB. It is a reference database on securities issuances, detailing instrument, issuer and price information. The data in the CSDB are compiled on the basis of data from the NCBs and from commercial data providers with whom the ECB has entered into relevant licensing agreements.

As none of the three European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs) is presently granted access to the CSDB, there are no specific restrictions or differences in access rights among the ESAs in this respect.

The CSDB is accessible to users within the ESCB for the performance of its statutory tasks. All data access requests by ESCB users are subject to an assessment procedure that ensures compliance with the statistical confidentiality restrictions under Council Regulation (EC) No 2533/98 of 23 November 1998 concerning the collection of statistical information by the European Central Bank<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 318, 27.11.1998, p. 8.

The ECB has recently received enquiries from the ESAs regarding potential access to the CSDB, which it will evaluate in the light of conditions imposed by Council Regulation (EC) No 2533/98 and the above-mentioned licensing agreements.

Yours sincerely,

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