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Communication from the Commission to the Council

THE COMPANY

Request for assent, pursuant to Article 56 (2a) of the ECSC Treaty  
to the granting of a conversion loan to the Co-Operative Wholesale  
Society Limited, United Kingdom

Registered Office

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The Co-Operative Society Limited

Recipients

The Council

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Subject : Request for assent, pursuant to Article 56 (2a) of the ECSC Treaty to the granting of a conversion loan to the Co-Operative Wholesale Society, Limited, United Kingdom.

I. THE COMPANY  
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No. 389

Applicant : The Co-Operative Wholesale Society, Limited.

Registered Office : New Century House,  
Manchester, M60 4ES,  
United Kingdom.

Parent company of applicant : The Co-Operative Wholesale Society, Limited.

Recipient : The Co-Operative Wholesale Society, Limited.

Field of activity of recipient : The provision of a manufacturing, wholesaling and distribution service for the co-operative societies throughout the U.K. which are its shareholders.

II. THE PROJECT

Description

: The project consists of the construction of a new factory in the Deeside Industrial Park, Shotton, to manufacture breakfast cereals and flatbread products.

£ 000

Cost

: Land	} 187)	
: Buildings	} 2000}	2,187
: Plant and machinery		5,550
: Other		-
: Total		<u>7,737</u>

(+ 13,269 MioECU)

Schedule

: 1984 - 1986

Market

: The company wishes to compete in the growing U.K. breakfast cereals market (£ 250 m/a), now dominated by Kelloggs and Viota, by replacing bought-in products in its Co-Op shops with its own cereals and providing an alternative supply to other retailers.

Environment

: Environmental protection measures in accordance with current legislation

The sectoral and competition aspects of the project have been closely examined ; they do not militate against the granting of the loan applied for.

The project appears to be economically sound ; it will make a significant contribution to the redevelopment of the region which is suffering the effects of a decline in ECSC industries.

III. THE REGION  
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- Project location : Plot 14, Deeside Industrial Park, Shotton, Clwyd, North-East Wales.
- Unemployment rate : 19.3% (22.5% male) Shotton travel-to-work area, March 1983. U.K. average 13.8% (17.1% male). Unemployment rate in North Wales increased from 9.5% in March '79 to 18.3% March '82.
- National aid status of project area : Special Development Area.

The ECSC industry has been an important source of employment in the area.

IV. CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 56 OF THE ECSC TREATY  
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- ECSC redundancies in project area : 1977 to '81 Shotton travel-to-work area lost 7596 ECSC jobs (72%). Clwyd dependency lost 9132 jobs i.e. 70%.
- Jobs to be created by the project : 180 jobs suitable for ex-ECSC workers out of a total of 195 by 1988.
- Training : A detailed and comprehensive training programme will be drawn up in agreement with the Manpower Services Commission and the Welsh Office with particular attention to retraining ex-ECSC workers.

The Commission considers that the application complies with Article 56 (2a) of the ECSC Treaty and that the new jobs to be created by the project are capable of absorbing redundant ECSC workers into productive employment.

V. CONVERSION LOAN  
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Loan applied for

: £ 3.85 m (about 6.603 MioECU)

Loan to be granted

: The Commission has approved a loan of  
£ 3.85 m (about 6.603 MioECU)  
or equivalent to the above mentioned  
company (1).

Interest rebate

: 3 percentage points per year for five  
years on 3.6 MioECU.

Job basis of interest rebate

: 180 jobs suitable for former ECSC  
industry workers, to whom they will be  
offered in priority.

VI. COUNCIL ASSENT  
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The Commission requests the Council to give its assent to the foregoing  
decision.

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(1) In accordance with Article 56 application criteria (OJ C 191, 16 July 1983).