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COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL

Request for assent, pursuant to Article 56 (2a) of the ECSC Treaty
to the granting of a conversion loan to Comdial Communications
Systems, Limited, United Kingdom

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Communication to the Council

Subject : Request for assent, pursuant to Article 56 (2a) of the ECSC Treaty to the granting of a conversion loan to Comdial Communications Systems, Limited, United Kingdom.

I. THE COMPANY

No. 387

Applicant : Comdial Communications Systems, Limited.

Registered Office : 225, Frimley Green Road,
Frimley Green, Surrey, England.

Parent company of applicant : Comdial Limited, a subsidiary of the Comdial Corporation, Charlottesville, Virginia, U.S.A.

Recipient : Comdial Communications Systems, Limited.

Field of activity of recipient : The manufacture and sale of specialised telephones and telephone equipment based on the Comdial system.

II. THE PROJECT

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Description

: The project consists of the construction of a new factory at St. Mellons, Cardiff, for the manufacture and assembly of specialised high technology telephone sets.

Cost

			<u>£ 000</u>
: Land	} 393)		
: Buildings	} 2,603)	2,996	
: Plant and machinery		4,959	
: Other		<u>45</u>	
: Total		8,000	(+ 13.72 MioECU)

Schedule

: 1983 - 1985

Market

: U.K. telephone installations number some 29,000,000, expanding annually by about 3,000,000. Comdial aims to gain 20% of this expansion.

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

Project location

: St. Mellons, Cardiff, South Wales.

Unemployment rate

: Cardiff travel-to-work area, June '83,
16.9% male (19945), 8.1% female (6672),
total 13.3% (26617).
Newport travel-to-work area, June '83,
17% male (9653), 10.7% female (3536),
total 14.7% (13189).

National aid status of
project area

: Development Area

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

IV. CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 56 OF THE ECSC TREATY

ECSC redundancies in
project area

: Cardiff 78 - 83 =	5800
Newport 81 - 83 =	5400
Total	<u>11200</u>

Jobs to be created by the project

: 238 jobs suitable for ex-ECSC workers out
of a total of 279.

Training

: A comprehensive specialised training scheme
is planned under the control of a manager
which will co-ordinate closely with local
training establishments.

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 : £ 4 m (about 6.86 MioECU)

Loan to be granted : The Commission has approved a loan of
£ 4 m (about 6.86 MioECU)
or equivalent to the above mentioned
company (1).

Interest rebate : 3 percentage points per year for five
years on 4.76 MioECU.

Job basis of interest rebate : 238 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.

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