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Dear colleague,

I would like to thank you for your time, thoughts and openness in taking part in BBSRC's corporate stakeholder benchmarking research, conducted by Ipsos MORI.

Your views and those of the other stakeholders who took part were very insightful. Of course, I was pleased to read that in, general, BBSRC's stakeholders are satisfied with their relationships with us and find this relationship to be useful and productive but you also identified areas for focus. These included our engagement with policy makers and NGOs; looking at how we communicate our key messages and the broader impacts of the science BBSRC funds. You also said we could better utilise stakeholders to ensure we have maximum impact and create the best possible environment for UK bioscience.

Some more operational points were also raised for example about the speed of some of our processes and having clear points of contact within BBSRC. We will be taking time to carefully consider the points raised to ensure that as an organisation going forward we build on them and incorporate this feedback into some of our efficiency initiatives.

The findings from this research have just been published in full on BBSRC's website and are available to download from www.bbsrc.ac.uk/benchmarkingreport.

If you would like to be sent a hard copy, please do not hesitate to get in touch. In the meantime, please find attached a one-page summary of the main findings and more details of themes which emerged for BBSRC to consider in its future strategy.

Once again I would like to thank you for your contribution to this research. As an organisation we feel it is vital that we have strong, open robust relationships with our stakeholders. This will be even more important as we begin to prepare for the next spending review. If you have any further comments or thoughts for BBSRC's future priorities please don't hesitate to be in touch.

Yours sincerely

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