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HONOURS NOMINATIONS

I am writing to you today to invite you to nominate individuals who are supporting the UK economy for an honour. The honours system is an important way of recognising and celebrating outstanding achievements in business and trade.

In particular, Ministers would like to prioritise innovators and entrepreneurs delivering growth and prosperity across the country, including those:

- Making outstanding contributions to Enterprise and unleashing potential in emerging sectors;
- Involved in shaping or promoting the UK's independent trade policy and in particular, activities such as significantly opening markets by strengthening our supply chains and working to stop protectionism, removing barriers to trade, concluding trade negotiations successfully and strengthening the UK's independent trade regime;
- Delivering success through small businesses, attracting new investment into communities, or supporting the levelling-up of the UK economy;
- Driving high-quality deals with India and CPTPP ensuring new opportunities for UK in fast growing markets;
- Demonstrating commitment to advancing the UK beyond retained EU Law;
- Making a significant contribution to UK's assistance to Ukraine and response to Russian aggression, particularly in the area of reconstruction, defence and security.

All nominations should be made on merit and in confidence. The person being nominated should not be aware of their nomination.

Nominations will be reviewed by the Department. The strongest candidates will be put forward for consideration by the Cabinet Office Economy Committee and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Committees.

If you have any questions regarding this process or would like advice on making a nomination, please contact the honours team at DBTHonours@businessandtrade.gov.uk. They can guide you through the process.

Yours sincerely,

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PERMANENT SECRETARY