

- **Keith McLoughlin**

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Also for the attention of

- **José Manuel Barroso**

Ue Commission President

- **Joaquín Almunia**

Ue Commissioner (Competition)

- **Antonio Tajani**

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Rome, November 7<sup>th</sup> 2013

Dear Mr McLoughlin,

re: Request for information

At the end of October, AB Electrolux announced its decision to hold an investigation into its activities in Italy.

Completion date for the review is scheduled for April 2014, and its purpose is to evaluate a proposal to transfer, wholly or in part, its Italian-based activities to central eastern European countries. Such a move, if confirmed, would be motivated by the benefits to the company that would accrue from the favourable economic conditions in the countries of eastern Europe.

We are confident that AB Electrolux is aware of the negative consequences which such a total or partial transfer of its Italian activities would have in our country in terms both of deindustrialization and unemployment.

We are writing to you in our capacity as Senators of the Italian Republic with a request that you make it widely known, especially to the Italian Authorities and the stakeholders in Electrolux, the extent of public assistance which Electrolux receives today and will foreseeably receive in the next 20 years through the presence of its industrial, logistic, commercial and managerial facilities in other countries worldwide, particularly in those to which the company is now considering relocating its activity.

- By 'public assistance' we mean direct or indirect economic advantages of any type granted by any public body, or private parties using public resources, to reduce the costs and increase the returns of AB Electrolux.
- By 'public assistance' we are also referring to the favourable tax regime enjoyed by AB Electrolux in other countries in comparison with those applying to analogous local enterprises.
- By 'public assistance' we furthermore mean the direct and indirect advantageous conditions which, by the intervention of any public body, modify the normal conditions of an open and competitive market in the favour of AB Electrolux.

For many years we have been aware of and respected the worldwide reputation of AB Electrolux. We are asking that the company on its honour communicate, regarding its industrial, logistic, commercial and managerial activities in those countries, the information requested above in a way that is both comprehensive and straightforward. We ask this out of respect for the principles of fair trade and of a system based on market competition and transparency.

We ask that this information be communicated before the end of January 2014 in order that every authority involved or stakeholder with interests can use it to their best advantage when determining their relationship with AB Electrolux and the future plans of the company.

Finally, we would ask for a written reply advising us of the decision of AB Electrolux regarding the contents of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Lodovico Sonogo (Senator)

Maurizio Sacconi (Senator and Former labour minister)