European and External Relations Committee

The EU referendum and its implications for Scotland

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Following on from the referendum we have formed a corporate view as a global medium sized company with a Scottish Headquarters. We wish it hadn’t happened.

Our first wish is that we see referenda per se as damaging to business confidence and we don’t want any more, for anything.

Secondly we want every measure to be undertaken to secure the rights and confidence of our EU workforce which in our case makes up more than half of our highly skilled workforce. We have reassured them and appreciate the efforts MSP’s and the Scottish Government have gone to do the same.

Lastly we want continued access to EU based research programmes such as Horizon 20:20 and there to be no political interference in existing European networks such as the European Space Agency which are nothing to do with the EU but may become embroiled in Brexit initiatives by mistake.