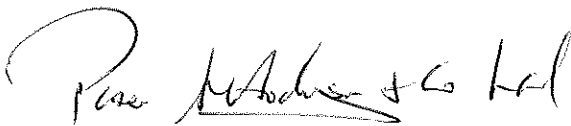


Letter of Certification

We have reviewed the accounts of Mr Stephen Hughes, Member of the European Parliament for the North East region for the year ending 31 December 2007 and confirm that they comply with the rules on the use of allowances as set out in articles 13 and 14 of the European Parliament rules governing the payment of expenses and allowances to a member, and the guidance note on the use of expenses adopted by the European Parliamentary Labour Party.



Peter A Hodgson & Co Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants

17 March 2008