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Dear Carol Page,

Blanco Technology Group plc

Thank you for your letter of 5 November 2018. You say that you have “considered the reporting of the restatement of previously reported sales transactions and disclosure of the nature of share-based payments awarded to the former Chief Executive in the company’s 30 June 2017 annual report and accounts”. Indeed, the recently published company report and accounts for year ending 30 June 2018 reflect your intervention on these points, leading to certain restatements and clarifications, which are relatively minor in content.

We believe, however, that you have signally failed to address the central point of our concern. The central point, as stated in my letter of 8 January 2018 to Mr Stephen Haddrill, is that the company’s June 2016 report and accounts and certain transactions in the following year reported to the market were inaccurate and misleading. When these errors were revealed, shareholder value dropped by £135 million. To spell it out, the questions FRC should be answering include:

- How did this inaccurate and misleading information get published?
- Who was responsible and did they personally benefit?
- Were the errors due to incompetence, deliberate misrepresentation or other reasons?
- What sanctions are being taken against the responsible parties?

We believe these questions are well within the statutory remit of FRC and have not evidently been addressed to date. Since it is now more than 10 months since we raised these issues with FRC, we expect you to investigate and report on these questions without further delay.

Yours sincerely,

Bruce Noble
Blanco Shareholder Campaign Co-ordinator

Cc Mark Northway, Mark Bentley, Cliff Weight, Roger Lawson, all ShareSoc