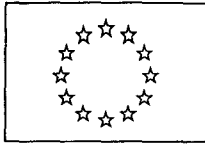


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Dear Sir.

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of Your note dated on 2 June 1999 on the progress of the tender procedures relating to the HSL-Zuid project, which we have read with interest.

You will understand that I cannot judge the possible application of public procurement law to the contracts in question. This is DG XV's area of responsibility. However, I do not have any further questions from the point of view of Community transport law.

Finally, I would like to thank You in advance for Your intention to keep us updated on any further developments concerning these procedures.

Heinz Hilbrecht

Cc: Jan Van Heest, Transport Attaché