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SCDI RESPONSE TO MANUFACTURED EXPORTS FIGURES

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Commenting on the latest manufactured export figures from the Scottish Government, Dr Lesley Sawers, Chief Executive of the Scottish Council for Development and Industry, said:

“It’s disappointing but hardly surprising that we continue to see a fall in demand in overseas markets, given the slowdown in Scotland’s key export markets.

“But Scotland still exports more than £13bn of manufactured goods each year, and despite the economic situation there are opportunities for Scottish companies in sectors such as pharmaceuticals, renewables energy, and food and drink.

“The cheaper pound and the changes in markets around the world mean that there are still very much opportunities for ambitious Scottish firms in these growth areas and in expanding economies such as Brasil, India and China.

“SCDI will be working with the Scottish Government and its agencies to support companies in key sectors and markets with the potential for growth.”

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