Mr Angelo Ciocca  
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Re: Your letter (QZ-091)
The effectiveness of our measures is confirmed by our bank lending survey\(^1\). In this survey, banks have consistently reported that our asset purchase programme and the negative deposit facility rate have contributed to more favourable terms and conditions on loans, and that the additional liquidity stemming from our asset purchases is being used to grant loans to the private sector.

Lower borrowing costs have stimulated investment and consumption, and thereby economic growth, via a number of channels. As an example, lower financing costs imply a lower interest bill for firms, create wealth effects and make more investment projects profitable. Therefore, overall, inflation and economic growth in the euro area would be at substantially lower levels today if the ECB’s monetary policy measures had not been implemented.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Mario Draghi

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\(^1\) Results of the October 2016 euro area bank lending survey are published at: https://www.ecb.europa.eu/press/pr/date/2016/html/pr161018.en.html