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SCDI RESPONSE TO GDP FIGURES

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

“The sharp drop in the first quarter is disappointing but certainly not unexpected. It reinforces the need for government at all levels to work with businesses to help them through the downturn and to be ready to grow again when conditions improve.

“Scotland’s economy shrunk marginally less than the UK as a whole, but the headline figures mask even more significant drops in major sectors such as manufacturing, chemicals and engineering, which have seen demand fall from businesses in key domestic and overseas markets.

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