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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-7010

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Via Mail and Facsimile (44 1224 780 444)

Daniel W. Rabun  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Ensco International plc  
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**Re: Ensco International plc**  
**Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009**  
**Filed February 25, 2010**  
**File No. 1-8097**  
**Response Letter Filed September 14, 2010**

Dear Mr. Rabun:

We refer you to our comment letter dated September 8, 2010 regarding potential business contacts with Syria. We have completed our review of this subject matter and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Cecilia Blye, Chief  
Office of Global Security Risk

cc: Roger Schwall  
Assistant Director  
Division of Corporation Finance