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Dear Mr Clark

The National Skills Academy for Railway Engineering (NSARE) is an independent company wholly owned by its 320 Members. Developed by the industry for the industry, it is truly employer-led and is the only dedicated pan-industry skills body operating within the sector. The NSARE Board comprises 18 pan-industry Directors including large and SME employers.

NSARE does not deliver training but works with employers to understand their skills needs, with training providers to ensure they are delivering what the industry needs, and with other stakeholders, to make sure that the industry has people with the right skills.

We are happy to support in principle the inclusion of the following qualifications for public funding:

- 60085502 EAL Level 2 Certificate In Railway Engineering Track Renewals (QCF)
- 60113790 EAL Level 2 Certificate in Railway Engineering Overhead Line Construction (QCF)

We believe these qualifications are of an appropriate size and valuable for learners considering moving into the rail engineering industry or who may have been employed within the industry and are looking at their progression to an accredited qualification. Therefore there is a focus on also providing them with the skills and importantly the knowledge required to progress and allows learners to develop their skills and knowledge they will need to progress into more specialist rail engineering roles and L3 qualifications.

These qualifications are suitable for learners 19+ and are focused on ensuring an employee has industry relevant skills and knowledge to contribute to the building and maintaining the United Kingdom railway infrastructure. These qualifications do not remove the need for any subsequent training they may require once they are employed.

We believe that these qualifications develop and confirm specialist knowledge and skills in the sector, to a standard required by industry employers.

The qualifications provide learners with the self-confidence and motivation to take advantage of the many opportunities for progression and development within the industry.

We are pleased to confirm that we consent to our name and logo being made publicly available on the SFA and EAL websites confirming our support as outlined above.

Yours Sincerely



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