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Dear Mr Clark

Weldability Sif have a heritage dating back to 1925 and the origins of the bronze brazing process. For almost a century, they have innovated in the development of welding products, and have supported the industry with technical assistance and consistent product quality.

Offering a wealth of knowledge and experience, key members of the Weldability Sif management team have represented The Welding Institute in a voluntary capacity on several European Norm working groups, and have been appointed to the National Executive of the Association of Welding Distribution. Furthermore, Weldability Sif are a voluntary member of the HSE Welding Partnership involved in researching and managing the "Respiratory Hazards in the Welding and Cutting Environment".

The qualifications are accredited by Ofqual with clear aims and purpose showing how learners achieve a recognised industry qualification. As a trade body representing the welding industry, we are happy to support in principle the inclusion of the following qualifications for public funding:

60060037	EAL Level 1 Award In Introductory Brazing and Soldering Skills (QCF)
6002172X	EAL Level 1 Award in Introductory Manual Metal Arc Welding Skills (QCF)
60021718	EAL Level 1 Award in Introductory Metal Inert Gas Welding Skills (QCF)
60021731	EAL Level 1 Award in Introductory Oxy - Acetylene Welding Skills (QCF)
60058018	EAL Level 1 Award In Introductory Thermal and Plasma Cutting Skills (QCF)
60021706	EAL Level 1 Award in Introductory Tungsten Inert Gas Welding Skills (QCF)
60019037	EAL Level 1 Award in Introductory Welding Skills (QCF)
60091745	EAL Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Fabrication and Welding Engineering (QCF)
60014337	EAL Level 3 Award in Applied Compressed Gases Safety (Cylinders) (QCF)
60014325	EAL Level 3 Award in Mobile Oxy-Fuel Gas Equipment Inspection (QCF)
6009414X	EAL Level 3 Award in Oxy-Acetylene/Propane Gas User Safety, Practice and Procedures (QCF)
60078832	EAL Level 3 Diploma in High Integrity Welding (QCF)
60100035	EAL Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Fabrication and Welding Engineering (QCF)

We believe these qualifications are of an appropriate size and valuable for learners considering moving into this industry or who may have been unemployed for a period of time. Therefore there is a focus on also proving them with the skills required to apply for a job. It will also allow learners to develop the skills and knowledge they will need to progress into more specialist qualifications.

These qualifications are suitable for learners 16-18 and 19+ and are focused on making a prospective employee work ready; however, it does not remove the need for any subsequent training they may require once they are employed.

Completion of a qualification prepares learners to enter employment in a wide variety of job roles 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



