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8th June 2016

Dear Mr Clark

As the chair of the Machinist employer led Trailblazer group, please accept this letter as our support for the development of the following qualification:

- **EAL Level 2 Diploma in Machining (Foundation Knowledge)**

The group has worked with leading employers in the Advanced Manufacturing sectors along with Professional Engineering Institutions to design and develop the new Advanced Manufacturing Engineering Trailblazer Standards. The new standards will shape the future of apprenticeships and meet the needs of large companies and SMEs as well as providing a range of flexible pathways into work and careers in our sector for young people.

The employers supporting the Advanced Manufacturing Engineering Standards are:

- Rolls Royce
- BAE Systems
- GKN Aerospace
- GTA England
- Silicoms Ltd (SME)
- AugustaWestland Ltd
- Paradigm Precision (SME)
- Co-Eng Ltd (SME)
- AMRC Training Centre
- Quinton Major Limited (SME)

As such, the Machinist group have reviewed the existing qualification and their associated units in order to identify the most appropriate selection of units for this new qualification to provide comparability. Based upon our experience, we believe these units are fit for purpose and will provide learners with an appropriate balance of knowledge, skills and understanding across the Advanced Manufacturing Engineering Standards that include this qualification.

As per the rule of combination listed in Annex A, we have assigned the Total Qualification Time on the basis of one tenth of the established credit value.

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In addition, the unit components will be subject to further review by the Advanced Manufacturing Engineering employer Trailblazer groups in **August 2018**.

Our support recognises this qualification:

- Develops and confirms specialist knowledge, skills and understanding that are relevant to an occupation in the sector, to a standard that can be reasonably expected of learners in full time education and employment.
- Provides students with suitable progression into a related industry recognised qualifications, advancement from related industry recognised qualifications and subsequent entry into an occupation in the engineering sector.
- Country or countries offered in i.e. England
- Main and sub-purposes i.e. B2 Develop knowledge and/or skills in a subject area
- Age ranges the qualification is offered to 16-18, 18+, 19+
- Subject area of qualification i.e. 4.1 Engineering
- Operational start date: July 2016

We are happy to support the development of the qualification and for it to be submitted to Ofqual for accreditation to the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Keane', with a small blue mark at the end of the signature.

Chris Keane

Chair – Advanced Manufacturing Engineering – Machinist Trailblazer Group