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Dear Robin

Semta is the Sector Skills Council for the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering sectors. We address the sectors' skills needs, providing expert support to improve performance and growth. We do this by working with employers, partners and training providers to shape skills and training solutions that meet employers' needs.

Semta is responsible for 132,000 companies and 1.7 million-strong workforce that make up UK advanced manufacturing and engineering: Aerospace and Defence, Automotive, Marine, Metals and Electronics.

We are led by employers so our expert knowledge of skills management and development means we are ideally placed to support organisations, whatever their size, to get the best return on their training investment.

We can help your business become more competitive through:

- Accessing funding and finding the right quality training
- Supporting strategic workforce planning
- Recruitment and training of apprentices and graduates
- Developing supply chain capability.
- Developing National Occupational Standards
- Developing Occupational Competence units for the QCF and SCQF
- Developing Qualification Structures for the QCF and SCQF
- Developing and Issuing Apprenticeship Frameworks

Semta has been working in partnership with Pearson for a number of years, especially in the development of the BTEC qualifications to ensure that the content and assessment requirements of the vocational qualifications are robust and meet the requirements set out by the engineering sector. The BTEC qualifications are an integral part of the sectors engineering and manufacture training and development system including learners undertaking full and part time study at college, those learners on an intermediate, advanced or higher apprenticeship programme and those learners wishing to progress onto higher education or directly into employment. On completion of the Semta Apprenticeship Framework that could include Pearson vocational and occupational competence qualifications the learner would be recognised by employers as work ready and competent

Please accept this letter as confirmation of Semta's support and recognition of Pearson Awarding Organisation especially in relation to the Edexcel BTEC Level 5 HND in General Engineering and the full range of Edexcel BTEC qualifications from Level 1 to Level 6

Yours faithfully



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