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Professor Ian Chapman  
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**Re: Severn Edge nomination to host STEP**

Dear Prof. Chapman,

I wish to confirm Renishaw's full support for the siting of STEP at Severn Edge. We are a global technology company that has been rooted in Gloucestershire for almost 50 years and the largest private sector employer in the county, with around 2,500 employees at our local sites. We also employ a further 600 employees at our site to the west of Cardiff in South Wales.

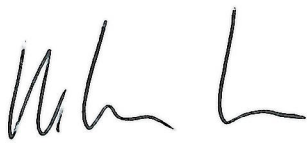
As a company at the forefront of innovation in manufacturing technologies and healthcare, which is also committed to a Net Zero future, we see this as a unique opportunity to enthuse young people in our region about the ways that science and engineering can tackle real-world challenges and provide rewarding career options.

Throughout our history we have made a significant commitment to research and development, and talent development, to maintain technology leadership in a highly competitive global marketplace. We invest typically around 13% to 18% of annual sales in R&D and engineering, and have an extensive education outreach programme, operated by five full-time staff, who work closely with education partners to develop the future STEM skills and expertise we need, both for our business and our engineering supplier/customer base in our key regions.

One area in which we have made significant research investments in recent years, is our metal additive manufacturing (3D printing) business. This technology is gaining good traction in a range of sectors, where the ability to develop complex, lightweight components with minimal material, is highly attractive. This is particularly true for the aerospace industry which sees the ability to manufacture lighter components making an important contribution towards net zero aviation. Our expertise in data driven manufacturing and precision metrology, coupled with knowledge of light weighting gained from aerospace and other key sectors, could potentially be a significant asset to a STEP proposition, based on a compact, modular design.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish UKAEA and the STEP team every success with the programme and we welcome the opportunity to engage with you in the future, as STEP continues to develop.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive  
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