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Dear Steve,

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Outline planning application (with all matters reserved) for the development of a Global Centre of Rail Excellence on land at and surrounding the Nant Helen Surface Mine and the Onllwyn Washery and Distribution Centre.

Ove Arup and Partners Limited (Arup) has been instructed by the Welsh Ministers, to submit an outline planning application with all matters reserved for the proposed development of a Global Centre of Rail Excellence, to be known as GCRE, on land at the existing Nant Helen Surface Mine and the Onllwyn Washery and Distribution Centre.

In accordance with the requirements of the Town and County Planning (Development Management Procedure (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended), the following information has been submitted in support of this application. The majority of documents have been submitted via email through a FileShare link, due to their size, with prior agreement from the authority.

The Planning Application Form (including Ownership Certificates), Covering Letter (this letter) and the Site Location Plan have been submitted via the Planning Portal (ref: PP-09475205).

Plans and Drawings:

- 001 - Site Location Plan
- 002 – Parameters Plan
- 003A – Illustrative Masterplan
- 003B – Illustrative Masterplan – Washery Proposals
- 004 – Demolition Plan
- 005 – Typical Sections & Key Plan (for information only).

Documents:

- Covering Letter (this letter)
- Application Form and Ownership Certificates
- Planning, Design and Access Statement
- Pre-application Consultation Report
- Transport Assessment
- Environmental Statement, comprising:
 - Non-Technical Summary
 - Volume I: Environmental Statement Main Text
 - Volume II: Appendices
 - Volume III: Figures.

Associated Technical Reports (including among others, Drainage Strategy, Geotechnical Desk Study and the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan) have been included as appendices to the Environmental Statement.

The application fee of £107,500 is being paid separately.

I trust that you will find the application to be in order. If you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you in due course in respect of the validation of the application.

Yours sincerely



David Brown
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