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13 September 2023

Dear Sirs

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023  
REPRESENTATION LETTER**

**CHESHIRE & WARRINGTON LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP  
(INCLUDING SUBSIDIARY)**

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2023 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material aspects, in accordance with the applicable financial framework.

We confirm that the following representations are made to the best of our knowledge on the basis of enquiries of the directors, management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience (and, where appropriate, of inspection of supporting documentation) sufficient to satisfy ourselves that we can properly make each of the following representations to you:

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities as directors under the Companies Act 2006 for preparing financial statements, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

We confirm that in our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatements including omissions. In particular that where any additional information must be disclosed in order to give a true and fair view that information has in fact been disclosed. We confirm that the selection and application of the accounting policies used in the preparation of the financial statements are appropriate, and we approve these accounts.

2. We confirm that all accounting records have been made available to you for the purposes of your audit, in accordance with your terms of engagement, and that all transactions undertaken by the company have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records. All other records and related information, including minutes of all management and shareholders' meetings, have been made available to you. We have given you unrestricted access to persons within the company in order to obtain audit evidence and have provided any additional information that you have requested for the purposes of your audit.

3. We acknowledge that it is a criminal offence to make a false statement in this regard, and where any director either makes a false statement; is aware that the statement is false; is reckless in preventing this statement; or fails to take reasonable steps to prevent the directors' report from being approved, we acknowledge that each director will be guilty of a criminal offence.
4. We confirm the company has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the assets, except for those disclosed in the financial statements.
5. We confirm that the methods, significant assumptions and data used by us in making accounting estimates, and the related disclosures, are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement or disclosure that is in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.
6. We confirm that we have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and, where relevant, the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
7. We confirm that the company has no liabilities or contingent liabilities other than those disclosed in the financial statements.
8. We confirm that all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements have been disclosed to you and accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.
9. **We confirm that there have been no events since the balance sheet date which require disclosing or which would materially affect the amounts in the financial statements, other than those already disclosed or included in the financial statements.**
10. We confirm that all related party relationships and transactions have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.
11. We confirm that the company neither had, at any time during the year, any arrangement, transaction or agreement to provide credit facilities (including advances and credits granted by the company) for directors, nor provided guarantees of any kind on behalf of the directors.
12. We confirm that the company has not contracted for any capital expenditure other than as disclosed in the financial statements.
13. We confirm that the company has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance.
14. We confirm that we are not aware of any possible or actual instance of non-compliance with those laws and regulations which provide a legal framework within which the company conducts its business and which are central to the company's ability to conduct its business, except as explained to you and as disclosed in the financial statements.

15. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of controls to prevent and detect fraud. We confirm that we have disclosed to you the results of our risk assessment of the risk of fraud in the business.
16. We confirm that there have been no actual or suspected instances of fraud involving management or employees who have a significant role in internal control that could have a material effect on the financial statements. We also confirm that we are not aware of any allegations of fraud by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others.
17. **We believe that the company's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate to support the company's needs. We also confirm our plans for future action(s) required to enable the company to continue as a going concern are feasible. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the company's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.**
18. We confirm that in our opinion the effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole.
19. We confirm that we are not aware of any matters of material significance that should be reported to regulators. We confirm that all correspondence with any regulators has been made available to you.
20. We acknowledge our legal responsibilities regarding disclosure of information to you as auditors and confirm that:
  - so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which you as auditors are unaware, and
  - each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that you are aware of that information.
21. **We confirm that all transactions undertaken by the Local Authorities on behalf of the company have been reflected accurately in the financial statements.**

We acknowledge that it is a criminal offence to knowingly or recklessly make you as an auditor, a statement (oral or written) that conveys, or purports to convey, information or explanations that you require in your capacity as auditor, or are entitled to require, that is misleading, false or deceptive in a material particular.

Yours faithfully

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 Director  
 On behalf of the Board of Directors

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 Date