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Dear *Paul*,

## WATERSAFE QUALIFICATION

I am writing to confirm that the following member organisations represented on the WaterSafe Board fully support the need for the qualification being developed by BPEC Certification Ltd.

The Organisations recognise the importance of assisting the estimated 21,200 operatives employed working in the plumbing industry (reference: SummitSkills Sector Skills Assessment 2011) being a significant number that currently do not have an industry recognised qualification at or above NVQ level 2.

We support this development that will enable them to gain this new qualification, which covers hot and cold water and sanitation systems.

The qualification will prove invaluable in raising standards of workmanship in the UK Plumbing sector and will go a long way in ensuring the regulatory and industry standards are achieved across all water and sanitation systems in the sector.

Achieving the qualification will also provide the opportunity for operatives to participate in competency-based schemes such as WaterSafe, and in addition, the consumer will also have confidence that work is being carried out by trained and qualified personnel.

On behalf of the Board members I can confirm the need for the WaterSafe qualification to help raise the competence of non-qualified operatives working in the sector:

Anglian Water PLC - John Wood, Water Supply Regulations Manager  
Anglian Water PLC – Jim Foster, Drinking Water Standards Manager  
Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors (APHC) - John Thompson, Chief Executive.  
Cambridge Water PLC – Stephen Kay, Managing Director  
Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering – Kevin Wellman, Chief Executive  
Policy Consulting Network – Phil Mills, Director

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Scottish and Northern Ireland Plumbing Employers' Federation (SNIPEF) – Robert Burgon, Chief Executive.

Severn Trent Water PLC – Ian Mitchell, Monitoring & Fittings Manager

Thames Water PLC – Dave Brindley, Water Regulations Manager

Thames Water PLC – John Sullivan, Quality and Compliance Manager

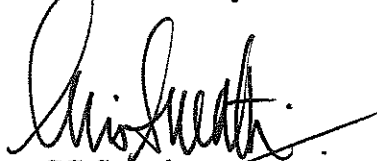
UK Water – Jim Marshall, Policy and Business Adviser

Water Regulations Advisory Scheme Ltd – Julie Spinks, Managing Director

I trust this letter of support for the qualification meets your requirements. Should you need any further details or clarification, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

My apologies for sending through this letter on my Worshipful Company letter heading, but we do not yet have WaterSafe headed paper and I was conscious of the need to get this letter to you.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CG Sneath', written over a horizontal line.

CG Sneath  
Chairman