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Dear Anthony Thomas,

Lichfield District Council, Round 13 Application for Local Authorities Heat Networks Development Funding. Match Funding Provision.

I write to confirm the match funding provision process for the Lichfield District Council Round 13 funding application for the completion of a small area Full Detailed Project Development (DPD) as requested in the Heat Networks Delivery Unit (HNDU) guidance.

Due to the innovative nature and complexity of the project Lichfield Councils Round 13 application requires HNDU DPD small area grant funding of £148,250.00k; 67% of this total is £99,327.50k and 33% totals £48,992.50. SSI Services UK Ltd (SSI) is part of South Staffordshire Plc, the ultimate owners of South Staffordshire Water Plc (SSW Plc). SSI will appoint Hillside-Infinitas, an award winning renewable engineering company as the specialist consultant who will undertake the DPD study.

The 33% balance of the full DPD match funding required to support and complete the study will be provided by £48,992.50k of itemised, specialist project work to be undertaken without charge by the specialist consultants Hillside-Infinitas. This Full DPD, discounted, project work quotation has allowed SSI Ltd to make a direct award appointment.

The Round 13 funding application for project management costs will also seek approval to the full £40,000 of financial support for external project management resources which we understand are not available within the District Council, and therefore you have asked us to provide.

The project study will develop a detailed business case following a 2022/3 Rural Communities Energy Fund Feasibility Study which concluded that the South Staffordshire aquifer and extraction assets managed and owned by SSW Plc are a viable source of renewable energy.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Canning

Head of Ground Source Heat Pumps & Renewable Energy Solutions, SSI Services LTD.