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Lee Rowley MP  
Minister for Business and Industry  
House of Commons  
London SW1A 0AA

Dear Minister

### **Appointment as Construction Minister – ECA and Engineering Services**

I am writing on behalf of the ECA to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister with responsibility for Construction.

#### **Working in partnership**

ECA is the UK's leading trade body representing the electrical and wider engineering services industry. We are an active supporter of Government construction policy development, notably through our membership of the Construction Leadership Council (CLC) Task Force, which is pursuing the Construction Industry 'Roadmap to Recovery'. We currently lead the CLC's Business Models Group and lead, or actively contribute, to the development of policy and guidance on industry safety, skills and competence, employment and carbon reduction.

#### **ECA and Engineering Services**

ECA Members cover a broad range of engineering design, installation and facilities management activity. This naturally includes a wide range of electrical and power systems, along with renewable energy generation, active fire and security systems and data communications. This activity, carried out across the UK domestic, commercial and public sectors, provides essential support to the UK economy.

#### **ECA's Priorities are:**

- Protecting the public through the provision of safe engineering services, in support of the Building Safety Bill
- Delivering engineering technology solutions to help to achieve Net Zero Carbon targets across the domestic, commercial and public sectors, including buildings and infrastructure
- Supporting measures that will increase engineering services apprentice training, to deliver sufficient capacity, and to ensure safety and quality
- Increasing direct employment in construction as an essential enabler of apprenticeships, ongoing competence and upskilling
- Ensuring prompt and fair payment in the construction supply chain, along with fair contractual conditions, to enable the wider construction industry to deliver safety, skills, performance and innovation.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these important issues with you and how our sector can help achieve the economic, social and environment objectives set out by Government and in the Construction Roadmap to Recovery.

I wish you well in your new role and look forward to working with you at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and with the newly formed Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities.

Yours sincerely,

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Steve Bratt  
Group Chief Executive Officer