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From the Deputy Prime Minister

Dear Paul Cadman, Walter Smith Fine Foods Limited

National Apprenticeship Awards and the City & Guilds Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers

Every year, City & Guilds and the National Apprenticeship Service publish the official list of England's Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers 2013. I am delighted to inform you that, in recognition of your impressive work with Apprentices, your company will be included in the 2013 list.

In addition, I would also like to take this chance to congratulate you on your success at this year's National Apprenticeship Awards.

Apprenticeships are at the heart of our drive for a stronger economy: equipping people of all ages with the skills employers need to help their businesses prosper and compete in a global market.

As we work to increase the opportunities for hard-working young people to achieve their ambitions through high-quality apprenticeship training, it is vitally important that we celebrate the achievements of employers like you, who go the extra mile to help their apprentices succeed.

We want more organisations to know the very real benefits of hiring an apprentice. Every week, the average fully trained apprentice boosts business productivity by £214. Employers who hire apprentices are not only securing their own company's future prosperity, but also making an invaluable contribution to our economy, their local communities and the lives and careers of individuals across the country.

The Top 100 will be officially announced at the National Apprenticeship Awards ceremony at the NEC Birmingham on 14 November. And I hope that you can attend this prestigious awards evening and The Skills Show, which will be taking place alongside it.

Congratulations again on your awards and thank you for your continued commitment to helping apprentices succeed.

Best wishes

NICK CLEGG