

NORTHERN IRELAND RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE SCHEMES

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

It appears to the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (“the Department”) in accordance with regulation 23A(1) of the Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (“the 2012 Regulations”) that it does not have or is not likely to have sufficient funds available to it for the purpose of meeting the total costs of:-

- (a) periodic support payments for all eligible installations accredited under regulation 22 of the 2012 Regulations and all installations likely to be so accredited; and
- (b) RHI payments for all plants accredited under regulation 21 of the Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (“the 2014 Regulations”) and all plants likely to be so accredited.

Accordingly, the Department under regulation 23A(2) of the 2012 Regulations and regulation 22A(1) of the 2014 Regulations hereby:-

1. suspends the operation of the Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme under the 2012 Regulations insofar as that scheme relates to:-
 - (a) applications for accreditation under regulation 22;
 - (b) applications for registration under regulation 25; and
 - (c) applications for preliminary accreditation under regulation 26.

with effect from 29 February 2016 (the date of suspension). Accordingly no such applications may be made or granted after 11:59 pm on that date.

2. suspends the operation of the Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme under the 2014 Regulations in relation to applications for accreditation under regulation 17 made after 11:59 pm on the date of suspension and accordingly, no such applications may be made or granted.

However, in accordance with regulation 23A(3) of the 2012 Regulations, an application for accreditation for an eligible installation under Regulation 22 of those Regulations may still be made and granted where an application for preliminary accreditation had been made and granted before the date of suspension and that preliminary accreditation had not been withdrawn.