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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Since your launch in 2011, the Catapult has played a vital role in strengthening British manufacturing, bringing together world-class research, industrial expertise and innovative businesses to turn ambitious ideas into commercial success. I know the Catapult's achievements have been built on the collective strength of the University of Sheffield's Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre, the Centre for Process Innovation, the Manufacturing Technology Centre, the National Composites Centre, the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland and Warwick Manufacturing Group. This national network of specialist centres has helped thousands of businesses innovate, improve productivity, develop new technologies and create opportunities for skilled employment.

Your work is also central to this Government's ambition to reindustrialise Britain. I want to see a new era of industrial renewal, built on our strengths in innovation, research and advanced manufacturing – one that brings investment, opportunity and good, secure jobs to every part of our country. Reindustrialisation is not about looking backwards. It is about building the industries of the future, strengthening our domestic manufacturing capabilities and ensuring that British ideas are developed, manufactured and commercialised here in Britain. The Catapult's ability to bridge the gap between groundbreaking research and industrial application will be essential to achieving that ambition.

Looking to the future, the Catapult and its centres will continue to be important partners in delivering our national mission, supporting British businesses to grow, developing the next generation of skilled workers and helping our country compete and succeed on the global stage.

I want to pay tribute to everyone across the Catapult network, past and present, for your dedication, expertise and contribution to British industry. You have much to be proud of, and I wish you every success in the years ahead.

With our thanks and best wishes

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