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To: [Private Office DETI](#)
Cc: [McCormick, Andrew \(DETI\)](#); [Stewart, Chris \(DETI\)](#); [Rooney, Eugene](#); [DG DETI Press Office](#); [Neth Energy](#); [Wightman, Stuart](#); [Cahoon, Gillian](#); ["ceo@investni.com"](#); [Dolaghan, Paul](#); [Mills, John \(DETI\)](#)
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Date: 14 October 2014 12:25:00
Attachments: [RHI briefing.doc](#)

Private Office

Please see attached requested briefing on the Renewable Heat Incentive for the attention of the Minister.

Stuart Wightman will accompany the Minister on the visit.

Regards

Seamus

Seamus Hughes

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Stuart

Grand thanks, you'll remove the track changes?

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John, please find attached short background briefing on RHI for Minister's visit on Friday.
Through Invest NI, we know that John Gilliland has asked for:

- Peter Hutchinson's replacement be present (*I'm attending*).
- An update from the minister on issues such as, the Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive

(covered in briefing)

- An update on the consultation process on Phase 2 of the Non Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (covered in briefing).
- Update on the issue of 'District Heating'. (covered in briefing)

If you're content, I'll send the attached briefing to Private Office.

Happy to discuss.

Thx

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Sent: 10 October 2014 17:36

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INVITATION BRIEFING REQUEST - URGENT

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REFERRED TO: Mills John (Mr)

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Please return to Private Office by noon on Tuesday 14th October.

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TOPIC: NI Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)**Lines to Take:**

- Homes and businesses have received over £3.1M of financial support since the Renewable Heat Incentive was introduced in November 2012.
- The Non-Domestic scheme has received 309 applications of which 177 have received accreditation to date. The Renewable Heat Premium Payment (RHPP) Scheme, introduced as an interim support scheme for domestic applicants has received 2087 applications with 1454 vouchers issued so far for technology support.
- I made an announcement on 3 October about the forthcoming Domestic RHI and provided information about the forthcoming scheme. Subject to the progressing of legislation through the Assembly I hope to announce the opening of the scheme for applications before the end of the year.
- Through phase 2 of the Non Domestic RHI, consideration is being given to extending the scheme to more renewable heat technologies and introducing new tariffs to incentivise district/community heating schemes .
- Implementation of phase 2 will be taken forward during early 2015.

Brief Background:

1. The RHI, was launched in November 2012 (operated by Ofgem), and currently provides an ongoing financial incentive for non-domestic generators of renewable heat for the lifetime of the technology. A similar scheme applies in Great Britain, however, with different tariff levels.
2. Phase 2 of the scheme is intended to extend the scheme to the domestic sector and later to expand the list of technologies / applications incentivised in the non-domestic sector.
3. In the interim, DETI has operated the Renewable Heat Premium Payment Scheme (RHPP) for the domestic market which provides upfront incentive payments for accredited renewable heating systems.
4. The PSA target is to achieve 10% of heat from renewable sources by 2020, with an interim target of 4% by 2015.

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Please see attached response.

Thanks
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FROM: Bill Scott
Executive Director, Regional Business Group

DATE: 15th October 2014

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TO: 1. Andrew Crawford
2. Arlene Foster MLA

INV/715/2014: Visit to Original Heating Ltd on Friday 17th October, 12.00pm - 12.30 pm.

INITIAL SUMMARY

Issue:	Reactive: You have agreed to visit Original Heating Ltd on Friday 17 th October at Brook Hall Estate, 67 Culmore Road, Londonderry.
Timeframe:	Routine
Need for referral to The Executive:	Non applicable
Presentational issues:	Non applicable
FOI issues:	Information in this submission is fully disclosable.
PfG/PSA Implications:	None
Financial Implications:	None
Legislative implications:	None
Statutory Equality Obligations:	The matters addressed in this note do not raise any Section 75 issues for Invest NI
Recommendation:	That you note the briefing provided in preparation for your visit to Original Heating Ltd.

INTRODUCTION

You received a written request from John Gilliland of Original Heating Ltd to visit the company and officially launch a new range of biomass boilers installed by the company and manufactured by Austrian Company KWB Boiler. You have also been asked to switch on the first commercial application of the new boiler system at the company's Londonderry premises.

BACKGROUND**Invest NI involvement with the company and related businesses**

2. The Directors of the business are Edward Meenan and John Gilliland. John previously established Rural Generation Limited which also offered a complete Heat and Energy 'Biomass Solution' to organisations. This included Biomass boiler specification, design, supply and installation.
3. In August 2009, Invest NI offered Rural Generation Ltd £70,000 of assistance towards employment creation and various development and marketing costs. The offer expired in August 2012 with £39,439 of the grant being claimed.
4. The Company ceased to trade in November 2012 and all 14 employees were made redundant. A claw back figure of £39,439 was calculated. The company's financial position and its obligation to Invest N.I. under the terms of the Letters of Offer have recently been reviewed and the financial obligation was determined irrecoverable and was subsequently written off.
5. Original Heating Ltd was established eighteen months ago and is based at John Gilliland's farm at Brook Hall Estate, Culmore Road, Londonderry. The business idea came from John Gilliland and Eddie Meenan, who have twenty six years pioneering biomass and renewable heat energy.
6. In the first year of trading the business sold and installed thirty of the original biomass boiler installations. This number of installations has already been exceeded in the first six months of the current year.
7. The relationship between Original Heating and the manufacturer KWB is two way; KWB supply the machinery, while Original Heating provide bespoke installation and back up service.
8. The Directors recently attended the launch of KWB's second generation system. Mr Gilliland has indicated that the new generation KWB product offers particular benefit to the N.Ireland market, such as optimising material usage and incorporating low particulate emissions.

RECOMMENDATION

10. That you note the attached briefing in preparation for your visit.

LINES TO TAKE

11. Commend the Directors of Original Heating Ltd on :

- Their ambition, drive and commitment to further growth and development of the sustainable, renewable sector.
- The innovation demonstrated in the new KWB Biomass Boiler System. In particular the self cleaning capabilities of the system
- The contribution the promoter's extensive experience and innovation brings in reduced energy costs to the end users of these products in the commercial, domestic and agricultural sectors.

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PEN PICTURES PROVIDED BY THE COMPANY**Managing Director****EDWARD MEENAN.**

Edward Meenan has been with Rural Generation Limited since it was formed in 1996 and worked for Brook Hall Estate prior to that. He has extensive practical knowledge of working with Biomass boilers and irrigation technologies. He is a qualified fitter, welder and agricultural engineer.

Director**JOHN GILLILAND**

John Gilliland lives on the outskirts of the City of Londonderry. After studying agriculture in Scotland he returned to the family farm at Brook Hall Estate, on the banks of the River Foyle

- 2002 - 2004 John was President of the Ulster Farmers' Union.
- In 2003 John was awarded an OBE for "Services to the Environment"
- In 2004, John was a guest of the South African Government, where he studied and debated their position in the current Doha Development round of the WTO and the issue of land redistribution and black empowerment.
- In 2005, John was appointed the N. Ireland Sustainable Development Commissioner, he was asked to chair the DEFRA, Rural Climate Change Forum, reporting directly to the Secretary of State.
- In 2006, John was asked to lead a Food Foresight exercise for N. Ireland, creating a collection of visions and R&D and Innovation priorities, needed to deliver this Industry to 2020. In June, having presented the N. Ireland Sustainable Development Strategy at the United Nations, New York; John was asked as a guest of the US State Department, and completed an International Visitors' Leadership Programme on Sustainable Development, across the United States.
- In 2008 John became a Fellow of the Royal Society and subsequently participated in the UK and German Governments' bilateral on land use and its role in Climate Change, in Berlin.
- John is currently a Director with Devenish Nutrition

John has had many interests and concerns outside his own industry, such as the Northern Ireland Economic Development Forum, a Commissioner on the Londonderry Port and Harbour Authority. a sponsor of the charity the River Foyle Search and Rescue; and a Director of the charity, Action Renewables, set up to deliver the promotion of renewable energy in N. Ireland.

ANNEX B

Address:

Brook Hall Estate, 67 Culmore Road, Londonderry, BT48 8JE

If travelling from the Waterside take the third exit off the Foyle Bridge. Travelling further out the Culmore Road, take the third entrance on your right, approx 1 mile from the bridge.