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Dear Genevieve

First Light Festival 2019

Please find enclosed our Independent Accountant's Report.

This letter and the attached report are prepared for the confidential use of the First Light Festival C.I.C. and Arts Council England, and for the purpose of submission to Arts Council England in connection with Arts Council England's requirements in connection with this offer of grant. It may not be relied upon by First Light Festival C.I.C., or Arts Council England, for any other purpose other than as detailed in the engagement letter dated 4 October 2019.

Yours faithfully

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cc. Arts Council England

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FIRST LIGHT FESTIVAL CIC,

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND REGARDING FIRST LIGHT FESTIVAL CIC PROJECT

- 1. We have examined the claim submitted by First Light Festival CIC ("the Grant Recipient").
- 2. We have also examined the records of the Grant Recipient as necessary and have obtained such explanation and carried out such tests as we consider necessary.
- 3. We report that in our opinion, subject to any reservations set out on our accompanying letter dated 18 October 2019;
 - i) The claim and all previous submitted claims for payment are in accordance with the offer letter.
 - ii) The Grant Recipient had during the period to 30 September 2019 defrayed actual expenditure of £288,377 on eligible costs for the project in accordance with the offer letter. The Grant Recipient registered for VAT on 7th March 2019 resulting in £28,649 recoverable VAT which is included in the expenditure above. The VAT which has been reclaimed in the period has been included in income and used to fund expenditure on the project.
 - iii) The Grant Recipient had during the period to 30 September 2019 defrayed actual income of £288,377 on eligible income for the project in accordance with the offer letter, inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.
 - iv) The Grant Recipient has maintained adequate records to enable us to report on the claim for payment of grant and on all previous claims.
 - v) No other grants or contributions have been made or will be payable to the grant funded body towards the payments for which the grant has been claimed.

Signature

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Date

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