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To: Professor Emer. Mary Koutselini

President of the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education

SUBJECT: Preliminary review regarding the programme of study “BSc (Hons) Computer Science” which will be offered by Ledra College, via the franchise method, in collaboration with the University of Sunderland, UK.

Based on the preliminary review findings regarding the program of study “**BSc (Hons) Computer Science**” which is going to be offered by Ledra College, via the franchise method, in collaboration with the University of Sunderland, UK carried out by CYQAA and in accordance with The Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws of 2015 to 2021, we have the following to address to you.

Regarding **observation number 1** *“In the response letter from the University of Sunderland regarding teaching staff requirements, it is stated that the University normally expects tutors to hold a qualification at least one level higher than the level being taught. As the program under review is a Bachelor’s degree, this implies that the minimum required qualification for all teaching staff should be at Master’s level or above. In TABLE A: TEACHING STAFF (p.18) of your application, it is noted that four out of five academic staff members hold PhD degrees, while one member holds only a Bachelor’s degree.”* Please be advised that Mr. Antonis Savva, although not holding a Master’s degree, has been approved by the University of Sunderland to teach, based on his extensive professional experience in the field of Information Technology. His appointment was made in accordance with the University’s policy, which allows—upon proper justification and approval by the competent academic bodies—for professionals with substantial experience and qualifications to teach in specialized subject areas. This ensures the continued quality and relevance of instruction.

About **observation number 2** *“Institutions are required to submit the list of their academic staff, as extracted from the ERGANI database, for those who will be teaching in the program.”* Regarding the above please find attached **ANNEX 1** which contains the extracted list from the ERGANI database. We would like to inform you that the lecturers George Dekoulis and Sotiris Constantinou are no longer serving as members of the teaching staff. Their replacement is Alexis Michael, whose curriculum vitae is included in **ANNEX 2**.

For the **observation number 3** *“The profiles of all academic staff (including name and rank) must be uploaded on the institution’s website, covering both full-time and part-time staff. It is noted that currently only one staff member is listed on your webpage”.* We would like to inform you that the webpage containing the faculty profiles has been updated. You may access the updated information through the following link <https://ledra.ac.cy/about/faculty/>

Sincerely,



Dr. George Kakouris

Principal

