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Geothermal Energy Advancement Association is pleased to announce our latest Founding Member The Auckland Project.

LONDON – 12 May 2023 – The Geothermal Energy Advancement Association (GEAA) is delighted to announce that The Auckland Project have become the latest company to join GEAA as Watt Founding Member.

The Auckland Project is a unique collection of heritage attractions, galleries, gardens and parkland in Bishop Auckland, County Durham, which tells the remarkable story of Bishop Auckland. The story is one of faith, art and power, from the Prince Bishops of Durham to Bishop Auckland's surprising connection with the Golden Age of Spanish art. The Auckland Project is working to regenerate Bishop Auckland, with low carbon heat being an important part of reviving the town's fortune.

The Auckland Project is developing a deep geothermal system, using heat from Weardale Granite as the primary low carbon energy source to drive a heat network aimed at decarbonising the town's major infrastructure. At present a study is being undertaken by one of GEAA's founding members to refine options for the geothermal system.

David Maddan, CEO The Auckland Project Developments, said "We are delighted to join GEAA and look forward to helping make the case for deep geothermal in the future energy mix".

President of GEAA, Professor Jon Gluyas, Director of the Durham Energy Institute at Durham University, noted: I am absolutely delighted to welcome The Auckland Project to GEAA, they join a diverse family of organisations committed to reducing the negative impact humankind has on Earth in its quest to satisfy the energy needs of an ever-growing population, through promotion of geothermal energy as an ultra-low carbon, sustainable, low impact energy source. Geothermal energy for heating, cooling and power generation is accessible to all nations. Its development and use readily comply with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and for those nations which will struggle to meet with the agreements reached at COP27 it should provide a deliverable solution."

GEAA is a not-for-profit stakeholder-driven association that advocates increased investment and development in the Geothermal Energy space, building awareness of this sustainable energy providing low carbon power, heat, and hot water providing a cascade of end user benefits.

GEAA promotes geothermal, its future role within the global energy mix, the necessary policy and legal frameworks needed to accelerate its use.

GEAA's dedicated and focused "Working Groups" provide subject matter topics through webinars and focus white papers as subject matter briefing papers on key aspects of geothermal. GEAA membership is open globally to all those interested in advancing geothermal and its role in transitioning to a world using less hydrocarbons.

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