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To whom it may concern,

As requested by National Permitting Service on 26/10/2021 in relation to EPR application EPR/FP3139FN/V013 – Hynet Hydrogen Production Plant (HPP1):

We confirm that the Operations and Maintenance of the Hydrogen Production Plant (HPP 1) will be the responsibility of Essar Oil (UK) Limited (EOUK).

The ownership status is outlined below:

- A Joint Venture Company (Vertex Hydrogen Limited) (“Vertex”) formed by EOUK and Progressive Energy Limited (PEL) will own HPP1.
- Vertex will outsource the Operation & Maintenance of HPP1 to EOUK under contract.
- HPP1 will be sited within a plot of land inside the EOUK Refinery premises and partly integrated with the refinery operations, to be leased by EOUK to Vertex. .

In summary, therefore, anything related to the safe and reliable Operations & Maintenance of the asset will be EOUK’s responsibility and EOUK will:

- have day-to-day control of the HPP1 facility or its activities, including the manner and rate of operation
- make sure that permit conditions are complied with;
- decide who holds important staff positions and have incompetent staff removed, if required;
- recommend and implement investment and financial decisions (subject to Vertex final approval) that affect the facility’s performance or how its activities are carried out;
- make sure activities are controlled in an emergency.

In addition to the above, to clarify roles of other organizations involved in development of HPP1, mentioned in the permit application:

Johnson Matthey plc – The Plant design includes licensed process technologies, namely the Johnson Matthey (JM) Low Carbon Hydrogen (LCHTM).

SNCL (Kent) - Lead engineering designers.

Progressive Energy Limited – co developers of the HPP1 project and shareholders in Vertex. .

Yours faithfully,

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