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Dear Environmental Permitting Team,

Re: New Permit for Installations of Hydrogen Refuelling Infrastructure at Drayton Highways Depot under Low Impact Installations SR 2009 No2

I am writing to formally apply for an Environmental Permit to install hydrogen refuelling infrastructure at Drayton under the Low Impact Installations. Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) has set itself demanding targets in order to meet our net zero goal. To meet these climate action targets and to decarbonise our hard to decarbonise heavy fleet vehicles, OCC is part of a consortium that has been awarded APC/Innovate UK funding to develop, test and trial several zero-emission hydrogen fuel-cell powered specialised and emergency fleet vehicles. As a part of the project, we are installing a small-scale electrolyser system. This application is submitted in accordance with the requirements outlined by the Environmental Agency and is supported by the attached documents (attached documents are listed on pg 8 of Part F1 application form).

The proposed hydrogen refuelling infrastructure is a critical component of our commitment to sustainable energy solutions and reducing carbon emissions. The installation at Drayton will facilitate the transition to cleaner energy sources and support the growing demand for hydrogen as an alternative fuel.

The attached documents provide comprehensive details about the project, including the environmental impact assessment, safety protocols, and technical specifications. We have ensured that all necessary measures are in place to minimize any potential environmental risks and comply with the regulatory standards set by the Environmental Agency.

Given our tight project timeline, we kindly request the Environmental Agency to prioritize our application. We also seek permission to commence HRS operations while the permit application is being processed.

We kindly request your review and approval of this application. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully

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