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Attachments: Hydrogen Europe_Green Hydrogen Recovery Report_final.pdf; 2020.05.29_Hydrogen Europe's CEO Letter to EC_final.pdf

Dear Mr Vandenberghe,

In the context of the Communication on Next Generation EU I would like to submit to you a very concrete action plan which has been prepared by the hydrogen sector. As mentioned in the Communication the steer of this plan could be carried by the Clean Hydrogen Alliance which is scheduled to be launched 24 June in the afternoon. 99 CEOs out of our membership have signed the attached letter to three Commissioners by underpinning the importance of that instrument and their commitment to support this.

However, I wonder whether it would be of interest to President von der Leyen to witness the inauguration of one of the most promising and innovative projects globally which will take place in her home region Niedersachsen. It's about the production of steel with renewably produced hydrogen instead of coke coal. Up to 100% of CO2 emissions can be abated by this technology. The project is called GrInHy2.0 and is a milestone for hydrogen high-tech made in Europe. Salzgitter AG, Germany's second biggest steel producer is launching the technology together with the plant builders Tenova (Italy) and Paul Wurth (Luxembourg). The electrolysis will be delivered by Sunfire one of the most innovative companies globally in this field.

Ministerpräsident Weil from Niedersachsen will be present. The event is planned for 1 September but can be adapted according to the agenda of President von der Leyen. As the project fits perfectly into the scope of her speech with regards to Next Generation EU we would be pleased to liaise you with the organisers in order to discuss this further.

Please do not hesitate to come back to me with whatsoever question on hydrogen matters. Happy to meet with you and to discuss both the Clean Hydrogen Alliance and our expectations to the strategy.

Best regards,

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