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Dear [Redacted], dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 8 February to Mrs Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, expressing your support to the Green Deal Industrial Plan, which we have swiftly followed upon with the adoption of proposals for a Net-Zero Industry Act. I have been asked to reply on her behalf.

We aim to support the industry in scaling up manufacturing of clean technologies in the EU and make sure the Union is well-equipped for the clean-energy transition. We have complemented this framework with a proposal for a Critical Raw Materials Act, to ensure sufficient access to those materials, like rare earths, that are vital for manufacturing key technologies; and with the reform of the electricity market design, to boost renewables, better protect consumers and enhance industrial competitiveness.

Thank you as well for expressing your interest in the offshore wind and renewable hydrogen markets in Denmark. There are clear opportunities in synergies and energy system integration between offshore wind generation and renewable hydrogen production, as well as in improving the business cases for both types of developers, for example via the agreement of PPAs. This is in fact one of the pillars we propose to promote in the revision of the electricity market design.

When it comes to the developments in Denmark regarding their open-door procedure and the possible impact on offshore projects, the Commission is following this matter closely.
and supporting the Danish authorities. I therefore confirm that we have been engaging in a
dialogue with Denmark, with positive discussions and developments. Recently, we have
seen four projects under the open-door procedure, which had been cautiously put on hold by
Denmark, being allowed to continue with the permitting process. We intend to continue to
support Denmark on this matter as relevant.

Thank you again for sharing your views on these important matters.

Yours sincerely,

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