By e-mail only

Subject: Correspondence with SNAM on hydrogen (our ref. Ares 2020/160238)

Dear [Mr],

On behalf of the Commission's President Von der Leyen, I would like to thank you for your message addressed to her on 2 December 2019 on the subject of hydrogen and for your request to meet. She asked me to reply on her behalf.

The European Commission is developing a number of initiatives linked to decarbonisation under the agenda of the Green Deal, where hydrogen is an important contributor as an energy carrier and an end use fuel. We are looking at hydrogen as a key enabler for smart sector integration with a view to using renewable energy more efficiently to contribute to decarbonisation of sectors such as transport and industry. We also reflect on the decarbonisation of the gas system.

I would like to encourage you to further contribute to this work and I remain open to discuss this and the European Green Deal in a broader context with you in near future.

Yours sincerely,

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