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Dear Sarah and Annalisa,

I hope you're both doing well!

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I am contacting you about the following. One of the sustainable frontrunners we work with is SSAB, a Swedish steel company that is the first to start producing fossil-free steel with fossil-free electricity and fossil-free hydrogen in its production process (more info here). SSAB is far ahead of its polluting competitors and therefore welcomes the Commission's revision on the EU rules on gas and hydrogen. A clear definition of low-carbon hydrogen can be an incentivizing instrument to push industry to decarbonize their production process. We together with SSAB believe that low-carbon hydrogen should only be called low-carbon if it demonstrates at least an 80-90% CO2 reduction compared to conventional, fossil-based hydrogen. By including other types of hydrogen with a lower reduction rate in the same definition, industry will be less likely to decarbonise their production process, which will slow down the decarbonisation process of the industry and keeps fossil-based steel production alive.

In the context of the EU's Hydrogen and Gas Decarbonisation Package as well as the <u>announced Global Arrangement on Sustainable Steel</u>, I would like to inquire whether you'd be open to have a meeting with SSAB. There is a small delegation coming to Brussels on 7-8 December and they would be keen to meet you to elaborate their attached position on low-carbon hydrogen further with you.

I'm looking forward to your reply and hopefully we'll meet each other soon again!

Best regards,

#SustainablePublicAffairs, Junior Consultant

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