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Dear Mr Vannson,

I am pleased to confirm that Municipality of Slagelse is fully supportive of the joint application to the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (Topic 01-9-2016 of this year's Annual Work Plan). We have been working with representatives of other cities from across the North European Cluster throughout much of 2015 and 2016, laying the ground work for this ambitious project which seeks to deploy large numbers of fuel buses from 2017/2018.

Having recognised the potential for fuel cell buses to play a central role in reducing the environmental impact of public transport, we have been developing plans to deploy these vehicles. As part of the detailed local feasibility work we have identified the potential to introduce fuel cell buses on routes in the urban area of Korsør / Slagelse. The routes are serviced by 10 busses and by implementing hydrogen busses the routes they are converted into zero emission routes. We plan to deploy 10 fuel cell buses. Back up busses for the routes will be conventional diesel busses approximately 2-3 diesel busses. The fuel cell buses will be run by Movia, and will be refuelled at a new hydrogen refuelling station that we plan to install at Storebæltsvej 44, 4220 Korsør, Denmark.

Alongside our short-term plans to deploy fuel cell buses as part of this project, we are committed to further involvement in the roll-out of hydrogen technology, subject to the technology continuing to realise cost reductions. We would like to expand our fleets of fuel cell buses in future, as part of a sustainable transport strategy. In addition, we are committed to engaging with other partner cities and regions, both in Europe and beyond, in order to share the learning and experiences from this project. There is already a close relationship with the cities of Copenhagen, Hobro and Aarhus in relation to roll-out of further fuel cell busses.

The Municipality of Slagelse recognises the potential for fuel cells using hydrogen generated from low carbon energy sources to contribute towards meeting Municipality of Slagelse and Region of Zealands strategic energy and environmental objectives. We also recognise the need for public support for these types of projects during this pre-commercial development phase. I understand that the FCH JU is offering up to 200,000 euro grant support per non-articulated fuel cell bus in this year's programme. Municipality of Slagelse acknowledges the expected requirement for a level of local funding to be made available and I can confirm that a local funding strategy is in place and that all budget allocations will be confirmed in advance of the signature of any project grant agreement (expected in late autumn 2016).

Municipality of Slagelse is committed to supporting the development and delivery of this project and we look forward to working with the FCH JU to further the commercialisation of this sector.



Best regards

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Villum Christensen".

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