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Annex I

Declaration of Collaboration

2nd Call for Applications for Receiving Project Development Assistance Support as part of Hydrogen Valleys Facility

General Note: This Declaration of Collaboration defines the roles and responsibilities of the PDA Beneficiary before, during and after the PDA support. Its signature is a prerequisite for participation in the PDA programme and aims to foster continued collaboration of the PDA Beneficiary within the Hydrogen Valleys Facility beyond the PDA period, including through knowledge sharing and capacity building.

The term "PDA Beneficiary" refers in this document to the following:

1. Regional/local/other authorities or umbrella organizations that serve as a coordinator of various projects within a given Hydrogen Valley as well as the individual project developers within this Hydrogen Valley that requested PDA support as per co-signature of the PDA Application form
2. Project developers

The PDA Beneficiary intends to cooperate with the Clean Hydrogen Partnership and the PDA Service Consultant – Roland Berger GmbH, as well as the subcontractors Worley and Inycom regarding the Project Development Assistance (PDA) to advance the development of the PDA Beneficiary's Hydrogen Valley.

1. Data provision

In advance to the provision of the PDA services, a scoping phase with all parties requesting PDA support of the PDA Beneficiary takes place.

In the scoping phase, a data request will be sent out to the PDA Beneficiary. A tailored data request will be prepared by the PDA Service Consultants for each party that aims to receive PDA services depending on the aligned scope as agreed between the PDA Service Consultant and the PDA Beneficiary party. The data request may cover the key dimensions of the PDA, namely commercial, technical, regulatory and Valley governance aspects, and shall be submitted in English and in the format, scope and level of detail reasonably required by the PDA Service Consultants. This includes, but is not limited to the following information:

- a) **Commercial:** information on feedstock (such as renewables and other relevant feedstocks), production processes (including hydrogen and derivative production), storage and transport options (such as pipelines and vessels) and end-use applications (such as hydrogen offtakers and derivative offtakers), financial planning, commercial structure and evidence of commercial offtake agreements
- b) **Technical:** information on feedstock process design, technology selection for production, site selection for storage and transport and end-use regulatory compliance
- c) **Regulatory:** permitting concept for feedstock, production, storage and transport and end-use, contract management plans

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- d) **Valley governance:** consortium building (such as roles and relationships between partners), stakeholder management plans, project governance structures and organisational charts, project plans and implementation timelines, dissemination plans and risk management strategies

The submission of the data as per data request within the defined deadline constitutes a prerequisite to receive PDA support services.

The Beneficiary (parties) shall ensure that all data and documents provided are complete, accurate and up to date to the best of its knowledge and are uploaded to the designated shared data room prior to the commencement of the PDA activities.

The Clean Hydrogen JU reserves the right to exclude PDA Beneficiary parties that are not able to provide the requested data within the defined deadline from PDA services.

Provisions regarding data confidentiality and non-disclosure of information of data are specified in the Call Specifications.

2. Availability for key meetings

The PDA Beneficiary shall ensure the timely availability of its representatives for all key meetings required during the PDA, including but not limited to the pre-kick-off, project kick-off, interim alignment meetings such as weekly Jour-Fixes and the final presentation as set out in the PDA delivery project plans.

Suitable representatives with sufficient decision-making authority and expertise shall be nominated to participate in such meetings and their attendance shall align with the frequency and notice periods specified in the project plans (see at the end of this document).

3. Adherence to schedule for the PDA

The PDA Beneficiary is required to adhere to the agreed timeline and milestones established for the respective PDA, including the timely provision of required documents and related content. Activities shall be performed in accordance with the deadlines mutually agreed between the Parties. The PDA Beneficiary shall notify the other Parties promptly of any expected delays and use its best efforts to mitigate any adverse impacts on the overall schedule.

The Clean Hydrogen JU reserves the right to exclude the PDA Beneficiary from the continuation of PDA services in case of repeated failure to meet the requirements of collaboration defined in Sections 2 to 3.

4. Contribution to activities related to the Hydrogen Valleys Facility

The PDA Beneficiary shall contribute actively to activities related to the Hydrogen Valleys Facility, including but not limited to the participation in the Hydrogen Valleys Knowledge Centre as part of the Hydrogen Valleys Facility. This contribution shall encompass sharing of lessons learnt, best practices and case studies from the PDA Beneficiary's project experience to support knowledge exchange and capacity building within the Hydrogen Valleys community. The PDA Beneficiary shall, where appropriate, participate as a speaker or contributor in relevant Knowledge Centre formats such as workshops, webinars, Lunch & Learn sessions, Q&A sessions and peer-to-peer learning events.

The PDA Beneficiary is further expected to collaborate in the development of knowledge products, including but not limited to dossiers, guidelines and templates, by providing input

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based on its project experience, lessons learnt and insights on relevant technical, commercial, regulatory and governance topics.

Contributions may extend beyond the duration of the PDA where appropriate and shall be subject to reasonable coordination with the PDA Service Consultants and other relevant stakeholders.

5. Monitoring of project progress after the PDA support

The PDA Beneficiary will remain available to the Clean Hydrogen JU and the PDA Service Consultants after the end of the PDA support for progress monitoring activities.

The progress monitoring will take place based on the developed action roadmap that will be transferred into an online form, which will be integrated into the beneficiary area of the H2V Platform. The key contact person of the Hydrogen Valley will be required to populate the project progress within the online form every six months. The online form is only accessible for the PDA beneficiary, the PDA Service Consultants and the Clean Hydrogen JU and the information submitted will be treated confidentially and not communicated publicly.

The PDA Beneficiary is expected to implement the timeline and action roadmap towards FID that will be developed as part of the PDA support and must report any significant delays or deviations from this roadmap. Additionally, a one-hour progress monitoring meeting with the Clean Hydrogen JU, the PDA Service Consultants and the Hydrogen Valley representatives can be scheduled if significant delays are observed.

6. Collaboration with the Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking

The PDA Beneficiary parties understand and agree that the information and data it shared under the activities performed for the PDA services is shared with both the Clean Hydrogen JU and the PDA Service Consultant. The provisions on confidentiality as published in the Call Specifications continue to apply mutatis mutandis.

The PDA Beneficiary parties agree that the following information will be used by the Clean Hydrogen Partnership for communication purposes about the PDA programme and the Hydrogen Valley Facility: a) name of lead developer(s), b) name of the Hydrogen Valley, c) country of the Hydrogen Valley, d) city(ies)/region of the Hydrogen Valley, e) names of other project developer(s) that benefit from PDA support (if other than lead developer); all as indicated in the PDA Application Area.

Date:

Place:

[Signature]

Name:

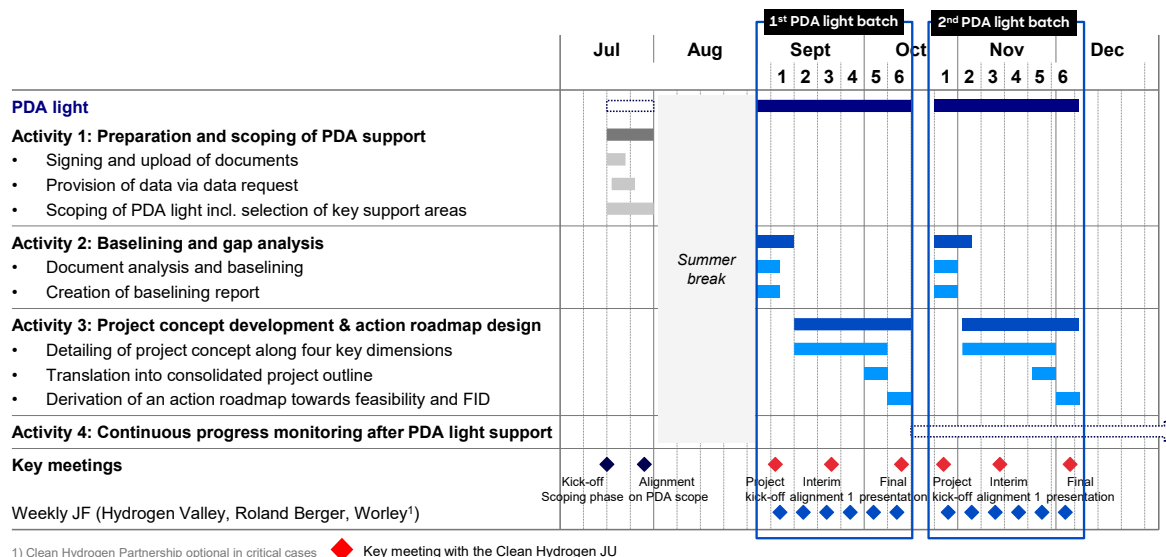
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Attachments to this Declaration for Collaboration:

Planned project plan for the PDA light programme



Planned project plan for the PDA plus programme

