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Submission to Bioeconomy Action Plan Consultation

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for this opportunity to submit our views on Ireland's Bioeconomy Action Plan.

Please allow me submit this one point for your consideration.

Government must have your back.

Industrial scale biorefineries - and the employment, economic diversification, and environmental and climate progress that comes with them - are acutely sensitive to regulatory conditions and government behaviour. Regulation relating to energy, environmental protection, food and feed, materials, carbon emissions, and trade, etc are key to shaping markets and opportunities, and to building and running operations. Permits and planning permissions are central to process expansion, innovation and business growth. Support from government agencies with infrastructure and infrastructure access is vital. Government controlled companies can be instrumental in product and market development. Government support in times of crisis – trade, pandemic, energy, climate – is also vital. The government can be a valuable sectoral ally in EU regulatory affairs. The international trade and competition landscape is highly dependent on government policy. The quality and impact of new regulation is greatly enhanced when informed by close consultation and engagement with biorefinery operators.

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Sincere pro-active goodwill on the part of government, in the spheres where it has influence, is the bedrock of bioeconomy investment. Investors must be confident this support is deep and lasting.

Bioeconomy business developers are not captive to Ireland. They have location options. There are several governments from Europe and beyond that pro-actively seek out and attract bioeconomy developers, and pro-actively seek to improve conditions for investments in their jurisdictions. There are governments that score more highly than Ireland's on most or all of the points mentioned in the main paragraph above.

We urge the Irish government to take note.

I am available to clarify and discuss, and I welcome any opportunity to do so.

Sincerely,

