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Rt Hon Greg Clark MP,
Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industry,
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Dear Mr Clark,

Building our Industrial Strategy-Green Paper consultation

The British Hydropower Association [BHA] welcomes the opportunity to comment on this Green paper consultation.

The BHA is the professional trade body dedicated to representing the interests of the UK hydropower industry and its associated stakeholders in the wider community at regional, national and global levels.

Membership of the association is open to any organisation or individual involved in or with an interest in hydropower. Members include generators [from Pico to large, run-of-river, tidal range and storage], design and consulting engineers in all disciplines, developers and owners, contractors, operators, equipment and component manufacturers and suppliers, project managers, financiers and investors, insurers and environmental specialists.

The BHA believes that a thriving UK tidal lagoon industry in particular, and potentially tidal range and tidal barrage, is an opportunity to build on an established record in innovative hydropower, diversifying and advancing UK capability, experience and expertise to capitalise on the opportunities within the UK and export potential to a substantial global market.

The BHA views the emerging UK tidal lagoon industry as perfectly in line with Government's industrial strategy ambitions as set out in the green paper: long-termism, acting upon our natural advantages, challenging incumbency, rebalancing the economy, reaching all corners of the UK and using national infrastructure investment to support local growth objectives

Hence decision-making on the pathfinder project at Swansea Bay represents an early test of Government's industrial strategy

The Hendry Review has shown that lagoons give the UK the option of large scale power at potentially very low cost, and that British industry [not least BHA members] is well placed to capture high levels of industrial value from these projects.

I do hope that you will take serious note of this response and that Government will now include Swansea Bay Tidal lagoon in their infrastructure planning.

Yours Sincerely

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