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Dear Sir/Madam

MULTIFUEL ENERGY LTD (MEL) – FERRYBRIDGE MULTIFUEL 2 (FM2) POWER STATION, FERRYBRIDGE POWER STATION SITE, STRANGLANDS LANE, KNOTTINGLEY, WEST YORKSHIRE, WF11 8SQ (GRID REF 447261, 425319)

CONSULTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 42 ‘DUTY TO CONSULT’ OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 & REGULATION 3 ‘PRESCRIBED CONSULTEES’ OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009

I write on behalf of Multifuel Energy Ltd (MEL) in accordance with S.42 ‘Duty to consult’ of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA 2008) and Regulation 3 ‘Prescribed consultees’ of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009.

I confirm that MEL (the Applicant) intends to apply to the Secretary of State (SoS) under S.37 of the PA 2008 for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the proposed Ferrybridge Multifuel 2 (FM2) Power Station (the Proposed Development) located within the Ferrybridge Power Station site, Stranglands Lane, Knottingley, West Yorkshire.

Your organisation has been identified as a consultation body pursuant to S.42 of the PA 2008 and therefore the Applicant seeks your views on the Proposed Development. Information relating to the Proposed Development is set out below and included on a CD that accompanies this letter.

The Applicant has notified the SoS of its intention to apply for a DCO in accordance with S.46 of the PA 2008. The SoS was notified on 30 October 2013 and has been provided with a copy of this letter and the information that accompanies it.

The Proposed Application Site comprises for the most part of land within the boundary of the Ferrybridge Power Station site, much of which was previously part of the Power Station’s former golf course, in addition to adjacent land that will be required for utility connections and vehicular access. The entire Proposed Application Site extends to approximately 33 hectares in area.

The Proposed Development will have an installed capacity of up to 90MW (gross) and be capable of producing circa 70MW (net) of low carbon electricity through the use of waste derived fuel (WDF) from various sources of processed municipal solid waste, commercial and industrial waste and waste wood, with a maximum throughput of 675,000 tonnes of WDF per annum. It is anticipated that the electricity generated by the Proposed Development will be exported to the electricity network. The Proposed Development will be designed to be ‘combined heat and power (CHP) ready’.

The Proposed Application will seek a DCO to, amongst other matters, authorise the construction, operation and maintenance of the Proposed Development, which will comprise of:

- fuel reception and storage facilities, consisting of a fuel reception and tipping hall and fuel storage bunker hall;
- a combustion system, comprising a boiler hall housing two combustion lines and associated boilers;
- a turbine hall housing a steam turbine;
- an ash handling system and collection bay;
- a flue gas treatment (FGT) system, including a flue gas stack and flue gas residue and reagent silos;
- a cooling system comprising air cooled condensers;
- a control room and administration block and a workshop building;
- gatehouses and weighbridges;
- a container storage area;
- vehicle parking and circulation areas;
- internal site access roads;
- a water treatment plant for the provision of demineralised water to the boilers
- storm water attenuation and drainage systems;
- firewater and fire protection facilities;
- boundary fencing, lighting and site security measures;
- landscaping;
- other ancillary and related buildings and works; and
- associated development, including, but not limited to a number of potential connection options to the electricity grid.

The Proposed Development is 'Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development' for the purposes of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009. Therefore, the Applicant has made Preliminary Environmental Information available. The findings of the EIA will be reported in an Environmental Statement that will be submitted with the Proposed Application.

It is intended that the Proposed Application will be submitted to the SoS in Q2/Q3 of 2014.

The CD that accompanies this letter contains the following consultation documents in order to assist you in reviewing and providing comments on the Proposed Development:

- A copy of this letter.
- A Site Location Plan.
- A plan showing the extent of the Proposed Application Site in red.
- Layout, elevation and grid connection option drawings.
- 3D visualisations/photomontages.
- A Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report, including a non-technical summary, setting out the findings of the environmental assessments of the Proposed Development that have been carried out to date.
- A copy of the published Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).
- A copy of the published SoCC Notice.
- A copy of a Community Newsletter (Issue 1).
- A copy of the S.48 Notice that is to be published in a national newspaper (The Independent), The London Gazette and local newspapers circulating within the vicinity of the land.

The drawings and 3D visualisations/photomontages provide three different representations of how the Proposed Development may appear. These are based upon 'concept', 'horizontal' and 'vertical' layouts.

The Proposed Development will be subject to a competitive design and build tendering process and as a consequence its design must provide sufficient flexibility to allow for a range of plant layouts and technologies. The concept layout is therefore based upon the maximum design/scale parameters that would be required to accommodate the possible range of layouts and technologies. It is proposed that the concept layout will form the basis of the Proposed Application.

The horizontal and vertical layouts provide an indication of how the Proposed Development may appear based upon the use of different boiler technologies.

The final built envelope or the Proposed Development would be subject to detailed design and would sit within the concept layout parameters.

The above documents are also available to download at www.multifuelenergy.com/fm2. Further electronic copies can be obtained from the Applicant at a cost of £15 per CD with hard copies available at a cost of £100 per set.

The S.42 consultation commences on 4 November 2013 and runs until 20 December 2013. During this period a number of public information events will take place. The locations, dates and times for these events are set out below:

Public information events

Venue	Date	Time
Ferrybridge Cricket Pavilion Ferrybridge Power Station, Stranglands Lane, Knottingley WF11 8RA	Wednesday 6 November	14:00 - 20:00
Monk Fryston Hall Hotel Monk Fryston, North Yorkshire LS25 5DU	Thursday 7 November	14:00 - 20:00
Ferrybridge Community Centre The Square, Ferrybridge, Knottingley WF11 8PQ	Friday 8 November	14:00 - 20:00
Pontefract Town Hall Bridge Street, Pontefract WF8 1PG	Saturday 9 November	10:00 - 14:00
Airedale Library The Square, Airedale, Castleford WF11 3JJ	Monday 11 November	14:00 - 19:00
Brotherton Parish Hall Tadcaster Road, Brotherton, Knottingley WF11 9HJ	Tuesday 12 November	13:30 - 18:30
Ferrybridge Cricket Pavilion Ferrybridge Power Station, Stranglands Lane, Knottingley WF11 8RA	Wednesday 13 November	14:00 - 20:00

* Dates and times of events have been chosen subject to venue availability.

Comments on the Proposed Development must be received by the Applicant no later than **5pm on 20 December 2013**. In accordance with S.45(2) of the PA 2008 the deadline date for the receipt of comments is no less than a period of 28 days, beginning with the day after the day on which the person receives the consultation documents.

Comments may be submitted as follows:

On the project website by filling in a 'Feedback Form': www.multifuelenergy.com/fm2

By email: fm2@multifuelenergy.com

By telephone: **01977 884 314**

By post: **Ferrybridge Multifuel 2 Consultation, Multifuel Energy Limited, Ferrybridge 'C' Power Station, Stranglands Lane, Knottingley, WF11 8SQ**

I would request that any comments or views provided on the Proposed Development clearly state the grounds of representation, confirm who is making the comments and includes an address to which any correspondence relating to the comments may be sent. Please note that comments may be made public.

Yours sincerely



Geoff Bullock
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Enc. CD containing consultation documents

cc. Ashley Comerford - SSE