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Att. Erling Holden

Dear Erling

## INNCERTAINTY

## Innovation under uncertainty: Producing and using renewable-based hydrogen

I am writing in response to your invitation to participate in the above research proposal to the Norwegian Research Council. The proposal has been discussed here at Hordaland County Council, and we confirm that we will contribute with 450 000 NOK of financing. The funding will be split in NOK 150' in 2018, NOK 150' in 2019, and NOK 150' in 2020.

We would like to make four comments:

- The project's overall objective is in line with our thinking. Research-based knowledge of how to innovate and invest under market, technology and policy uncertainty is a prerequisite to successful development of new, green industry in our region.
- The work packages seem of high quality and will strengthen our competence on these issues.
- We look forward to take part in the project's workshops and seminars and will contribute with our competence.
- We will facilitate shorter internships to researchers throughout the project period to conduct interviews and to develop ideas and objectives embedded in the project.

We wish you success in your application.

With best wishes

## Bård Sandal fylkesdirektør regional utvikling

Sølve Sondbø Klima- og naturressurssjef

Brevet er godkjent elektronisk og har derfor inga underskrift.

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