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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Discussion Document for the Preparation of a National Policy Statement on the Bioeconomy

SSE welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the preparation of a National Policy Statement (NPS) on the Bioeconomy. We recognise the benefits associated with the bioeconomy's expansion and the importance of an overarching framework in order to to drive developments in this area.

Having reviewed the discussion document, we support the proposed approach and believe that a clear implementation and monitoring framework will be central to the long-term effectiveness of the NPS.

We look forward to further engagement with this process at the sectoral level.

Yours sincerely,

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