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Dear [REDACTED]

You may be aware of some recent media coverage of AGC Chemicals Europe and our manufacturing processes at the Hillhouse site in Thornton-Cleveleys. I would like to provide a few details about our operations, but also to reassure you of our long-standing commitment to sustainability and the wellbeing of the local community and marine life.

AGC Chemicals Europe have a long-standing commitment to sustainability and the wellbeing of the local community and environment. While we have operated at Hillhouse since 1999, the site has a long history of producing fluoropolymer going back to the 1950s. We currently employ around 200 local people and have become a key member of the Thornton Cleveleys community.

In response to the media article that first appeared in The Guardian, we have released the following statement that represents our position regarding groups of substances known as PFAS that include PFOA, which are the subject of the article.

"AGC Chemicals Europe and its site at Thornton-Cleveleys strictly adheres to legal requirements set by the Environment Agency in all areas, including any discharge into the River Wyre.

We regularly monitor our manufacturing processes and discharge. Data from studies commissioned by AGC Chemicals Europe do not indicate a significant impact on the environment from the effluent. The reality is that samples taken from the effluent of an industrial site do not represent concentrations found in surface water.

We do not use or manufacture PFOA. Any PFOA in the effluent may have come from historical usage at the site, with AGC Chemicals Europe having voluntarily phased out the substance over a decade ago in 2012.

Our studies, conducted in accordance with EU regulations, confirm that the trace amount of proprietary compound emitted during our manufacturing processes is not classified as persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic.

We are constantly improving our manufacturing processes in line with our sustainability goals with a view to implementing additional abatement technologies to reduce our emissions even further."

AGC Chemicals Europe is in regular contact with the Environment Agency and other bodies and all our processes, as set out above, follow strict national guidelines to control emissions and protect the local environment. In light of the coverage, we would be very happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact me and/or [REDACTED] directly.

With best wishes,



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