

September 23, 2013

Mr. Todd Snitchler
Chairman
The Ohio Power Siting Board
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Letter of Support for OPSB Case No. 07-0703-EL-BGN
Motion for 12 Month Extension of the FDS Co-Generation Facility's Certificate of
Environmental Compatibility and Public Need

Chairman Snitchler:

On behalf of Uhde Corporation of America ("UCA"), I am writing to express our full support for the FDS Coke Plant, LLC's ("FDS") Motion to the Ohio Power Siting Board (the "Board") for a twelve (12) month extension of the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("Certificate") issued for the FDS Co-Generation Facility Project (Case No. 07-0703-EL-BGN). We believe that granting this motion is reasonable, justified, and needed based on the facts and information submitted to the Board by FDS.

UCA is a world-class provider of industrial plant solutions in the United States ("US") with offices in Pennsylvania, Texas and Ohio. Our publicly-traded parent company, ThyssenKrupp AG, has approximately 150,000 employees in over 80 countries working with passion and expertise to develop solutions for sustainable progress. In fiscal year 2011/2012, the ThyssenKrupp AG generated sales of more than \$50 Billion.

At UCA, we own and license innovative and market leading technologies, organic intermediates, polymers and synthetic fibers as well as coke plants and high-pressure technologies. Our technical edge in coke plants is based on decades of international experience and the continuous refinement of its know-how. With its broad spectrum of solutions -- from complex hot repair and modernization to the construction of complete new plants -- UCA is a leader in ensuring cost-effective, eco-friendly coke production for the steel industry.

UCA has been the designated heat recovery coke battery engineering design, technology and equipment provider for the FDS Project since early 2005. Over the past year, the US economy overall and steel industry specifically has shown signs of improvement. However, the US continues to need state-of-the-art industrial projects such as the proposed FDS Co-Generation Facility and associated heat recovery coking plant to create good paying manufacturing jobs and provide capital investment to support our local economy.

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UCA understands that an estimated \$800 million in capital will be invested this project. This investment will result in thousands of construction jobs and more than 100 new, non-construction full-time jobs with FDS, UCA, local suppliers and other contractors. Therefore, we continue to fully support FDS efforts.

Finally, electricity sales from the FDS Co-Generation Facility are required for the economic viability of building and operating the heat recovery coke plant. Therefore, without the co-generation facility the heat recovery coke plant will not be built.

UCA understands that the FDS Co-Generation Facility's 135 MegaWatt design is expected to produce at least 1 million megawatt hours per year (MWhrs/yr) of electricity from industrial waste heat. This electricity will provide needed base-load capacity for the Northwest Ohio region in the near term and important additional electricity for all of Ohio in the long term. Furthermore, this electricity will be classified as a "renewable energy resource" in Ohio, is highly efficient, and will result in no additional air emission pollutants.

In closing, UCA greatly appreciates the Board's timely review of the FDS motion for a twelve (12) month time extension of the FDS Co-Generation Facility's Certificate. We also request the Board, to the extent allowable by law, to expedite approval of the FDS motion to ensure that this important economic project for Northwest Ohio and the US continues forward on the path to construction and operation.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact my office at 412-257-8277.

Respectfully submitted,



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