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October 28, 2016

Desiree Caufield Economic Development and Analysis Division Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts 111 E. 17th St. Austin, TX 78774 Via Email and Federal Express

Re:

App 1157 - La Porte ISD – Praxair, Inc.

Dear Desiree:

As you will note from Section 1 in the attached Amendment 2 to the above-noted Application (the "Application"), please be advised that the Underwood Law Firm, P.C. has been retained and will substitute as the District's consultant/legal counsel from this point forward for this application.

Per your request and discussions with the Applicant's consultant, enclosed are amended application pages (Tab 1 - p. 2, Tabs 4 and 5) provided by the Applicant for the Application in response to your email of October 26, 2016, along with a signature page signed by both the Applicant and District to acknowledge this Amendment 2.

A CD containing these documents is also enclosed. This Amendment, dated October 25, 2016 and numbered 2, is the second amendment to the Application. Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Fred A. Stormer

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Encl.

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Sam Gregson, Cummings Westlake, LLC

via email

UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM, P.C.

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# Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property

3. Authorized School District Consultant (If Applicable)		
Fred	Stormer	
First Name	Last Name	
Shareholder		
Title		
Underwood Law Firm, P.C.		
Firm Name		
806-379-0306	806-379-0316	
Phone Number	Fax Number	
806-570-6299	fred.stormer@uwlaw.com	
Mobile Number (optional)	Email Address	
4. On what date did the district determine this application complete?		September 20, 2016
5. Has the district determined that the electronic copy and hard copy are iden	tical?	Yes No
SECTION 2: Applicant Information		
Authorized Company Representative (Applicant)		
Samir	Serhan	
First Name	Last Name	
President, Global Hydrogen	Praxair	
Title	Organization	
1585 Sawdust Road, Suite 300		
Street Address		
1585 Sawdust Road, Suite 300		
Mailing Address		
The Woodlands	Texas	77380
City	State	ZIP
281-203-3665	281-203-3829	
Phone Number	Fax Number	
	Samir_Serhan@Praxair.com	
Mobile Number (optional)	Business Email Address	
<ol> <li>Will a company official other than the authorized company representative b information requests?</li> <li>If yes, please fill out contact information for that person.</li> </ol>		Yes No
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Neil First Name	Beup  Last Name	
	Praxair	
Director, Government Relations  Title	Organization	
39 Old Ridgebury Road	Organization	
Street Address		
39 Old Ridgeberry Road		
Mailing Address		
Danbury	Connecticut	06810
City	State	ZIP
203-837-2578		<del>-</del>
Phone Number	Fax Number	
	Neil_Beup@Praxair.com	
Mobile Number (optional)	Business Email Address	
Does the applicant authorize the consultant to provide and obtain information.		

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### TAB 4

### Detailed Description of the Project

<u>Provide a detailed description of the scope of the proposed project, including, at a minimum, the type and planned use of real and tangible personal property, the nature of the business, a timeline for property construction or installation, and any other relevant information.</u>

Praxair's project provides for the design and construction of a new, world scale autothermal reformer for the production of carbon monoxide, and hydrogen for distribution to customers along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast. Steam will also be supplied to the host customer. Natural gas and power are the key feedstocks for the facility. As proposed in this application, to enable distribution to Praxair's customer along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast, the facility would tie into Praxair's existing pipeline infrastructure with additional ties into the Celanese Pasadena, TX chemical complex.

If approved, the proposed industrial gas complex will be constructed on property leased from Celanese at their Pasadena, TX, chemical complex. Construction is anticipated to begin in 1Q 2018 with commencement of commercial operations in 4Q 2019.

Below is a list of the major equipment comprising the complex:

- Fired heater with NO<sub>x</sub> reduction system
- · Catalyst-filled reactor vessels
- Heat exchangers
- Compressors
- · CO purification equipment
- Steam drum and deaerator
- · Flare system
- Pumps
- · Filters
- Insulation
- Electrical
- Switchgear
- Transformers
- · Instrumentation equipment
- Equipment and structural foundations and supports
- · Control Equipment
- · Industrial gas loading and unloading equipment and road works
- Industrial gas piping
- · In-plant roads

Additional infrastructure to support this property will include:

- · Site development/roads
- Utility piping

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#### **TAB 5**

### <u>Documentation to assist in determining if limitation is a determining factor.</u>

Praxair is a Fortune 500 company headquartered in Danbury, Connecticut. The company employs over 27,000 people worldwide and has key locations in Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, New York, Texas, Georgia, Iowa, and California. It is a leading industrial gas producer in the Americas. Praxair products include atmospheric, process and specialty gases and related services and technologies. Having diverse sources of industrial gases helps attract other businesses that rely on such products; supply of industrial gases is a critical utility for many businesses. Praxair will use its industrial gases pipeline network to import and export gases from the proposed complex to serve the other petrochemical facilities along the Gulf Coast. Today, Praxair serves approximately 25 industries as diverse as healthcare and petroleum refining: computer-chip manufacturing and beverage carbonation; fiber-optics and steel making; aerospace, chemicals and water treatment

Praxair's pipeline complex allows it to have options for our investments. A variety of factors are considered in selecting site location, including the local pool of available skilled workers, costs for natural gas and ease of doing business as it relates to permitting and incentives to reduce risk in investments. We are evaluating Louisiana and Texas for our current pipeline network investment options.

The applicant requires this appraised value limitation in order to move forward with the development of the project. Without this appraised value limitation, the impact of comparatively high Texas property taxes on the cost of the project does not allow the project to compete for global customers against similar projects operated by competitors of Praxair in the U.S. and around the world. Praxair has signed a supply agreement with Celanese which will require additional investment to be added somewhere in Praxair pipeline network. Without this appraised value limitation Praxair would have to strongly consider making this investment at another site and renegotiating with Celanese. Approval of this Value limitation application allows us to extend our relationships in Texas and be a contributor to the state's economic growth story.



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#### SECTION 16. Authorized Signatures and Applicant Certification

After the application and schedules are complete, an authorized representative from the school district and the business should review the application documents and complete this authorization page. Attach the completed authorization page in Tab 17, NOTE: If you amend your application, you will need to obtain new signatures and resubmit this page, Section 16, with the amendment request.

1.	<b>Authorized</b>	School	<b>District</b>	Rej	presentative	Signature
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I am the authorized representative for the school district to which this application is being submitted. I understand that this application is a government record as defined in Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code.

print here	Mr. Lloyd Graham		Superintendent
	Pont Name (Authorized School D	strict Representative)	Title
sign here		2	October 28, 2016
	Signature (Authorized School Dis	inct Representative)	Date

#### 2. Authorized Company Representative (Applicant) Signature and Notarization

I am the authorized representative for the business entity for the purpose of filing this application. I understand that this application is a government record as defined in Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code. The information contained in this application and schedules is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I hereby certify and affirm that the business entity I represent is in good standing under the laws of the state in which the business entity was organized and that no definition have are owed to the State of Texas.

print here	Samir Serhan	President, Global Hydrogen	President, Global Hydrogen	
	Prot Name (Authorized Company Representative (Applicant))	Title		
sign here	37 Sed. 2	25 October 2016		
	Signature (Authorused Company Representative (Applicanti))	Date		
		GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this, the		
	DANIELLE SCHWAUSCH Notary Public, State of Texas	25 day of October	2016	

(Notary Seal)

Comm. Expires 03-23-2020 Notary ID 130592964

My Commission expires: 03-03-000

If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jall felony under Texas Penal Code Section 37.10.