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Dear everyone,

Thank you very much for your time.

As explained at the meeting, we have trouble validating the information we have from Equinor and from SAR. As we understand it, Equinor and SAR are negotiating a possible delivery of wastewater to SAR, but these negotiations are not concluded. The content of the waste water is essential in deciding whether or not this may be possible. From the material we initially received from Equinor we were of the impression that SAR could not treat any of it. From requesting for SAR to confirm, SAR told us they would be able to scale production capacity to meet the amounts from Equinor, only there was an issue with the content of the water in order to assess how much.

At the meeting, you informed us that SAR does have capacity – or will have it – to treat the amounts equal to Equinor's. However, it still remains for them to evaluate whether SAR can treat the waste water. Possibly the water is not in line with the current permit, in that case SAR would have to apply for a new permit (no such permit has been received yet). You underlined that Miljödirektoratet cannot direct how Equinor and SAR must decide on the matter. We concluded that we did not have certainty on the matter, whether SAR will be able to treat the water from Equinor, once their analysis is done. We will consider our reaction here in Denmark.

As you asked us at the meeting, this is a highly unusual case, subject to both scrutiny by the press and changing situations.

You also mentioned the 1994 agreement between Nordic countries concerning cooperation on waste treatment, and the impact on your policy regarding imports of waste for disposal. We agreed that further meetings on the subject would be appropriate.

Please confirm whether you agree to the content of this synopsis and if I have omitted anything.

Also, we would be pleased to receive a copy of the 1994 agreement.

Med venlig hilsen, Yours sincerely,

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