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Re: Proposed Electric Vehicle Battery Plant in Big Rapids Township, Mecosta County,  
Michigan

Dear Mr. Thelen:

Our firm serves as legal counsel to the Charter Township of Big Rapids (the “Township”). The Township Board has several questions regarding the proposed Electric Vehicle Battery Plant to be located partially within the Township. The Township would appreciate a written response to these questions from you or Gotion’s engineers on or before February 24, 2023.

Some of these questions have been previously asked of Gotion at the various meetings that have been held on the proposed project since September 2022 and some are new questions prompted, in part, from previous responses provided by The Right Place, Inc., but not Gotion.

As you know and can understand, this is a significant project for the Township and the Big Rapids community with wide-ranging impacts on the community (both potentially positive and negative) and the Township needs as complete information as possible to be able to make informed decisions on this proposed project for its residents and taxpayers.

Gotion’s responses and the information Gotion supplies in response to the below questions and requests for information will be shared with the Township Board and the Township’s engineering firm.

**I. Questions and Requests for Information**

**A. Public Utilities (Wastewater and Water)**

1. Provide anticipated water usage for facility (gallons per day) and the basis for that usage. Provide initial, progress, and full build-out usage volumes based on Gotion’s proposed build-out schedule.

2. Provide detail on any water system improvements that Gotion has identified that will be necessary to serve the proposed project.
3. Please provide a copy of the water study that Gotion (or its agents) commissioned with respect to Gotion's water needs and potential impact on the area water supply (this study was referenced by you at the September 26, 2022 joint meeting with Mecosta County Board of Commissioners, and the township boards of Big Rapids Township and Green Charter Township).
4. Provide anticipated sewer discharge volume into the public sanitary sewer (gallons per day) and the basis for that usage. Provide initial, progress, and full build-out usage volumes based on Gotion's proposed build-out schedule.
5. Provide wastewater characteristics. See attached Non-Domestic User survey. Describe any planned on-site wastewater pretreatment activities that are needed to allow for discharge to the public sanitary sewer.
6. Provide information about anticipated non-contact cooling water discharges that Gotion will be pursuing through the NPDES program.
7. Provide detail on any necessary sanitary sewer system extensions and improvements necessary to serve the project including, but not limited to any pretreatment activities/improvements that will be required.
8. Provide a copy of the most recent site plan for the property in Big Rapids Charter Township (conceptual or otherwise) showing proposed building, parking, truck loading and staging areas and configurations, dimensions and heights, and ingress and egress points.
9. Confirm that Gotion understands that connection fees will be required for the system that represent share in the collection system and the treatment system.
10. Confirm that Gotion understands that a metering manhole will be required at the discharge point from the plant to allow for both metering and composite sampling of the waste stream.

**B. Fire and Emergency Response**

1. Please describe Gotion's and the project's needs with respect to fire and emergency mitigation and response.
2. Please identify any specialized training, vehicles or equipment that first responders should have to respond to an emergency, such as a fire, at a Gotion facility.

3. Describe what strategies, safeguards, facilities and equipment that will be utilized and/or installed at the project to reduce the likelihood of a significant fire or disaster.
4. Please identify which materials utilized or stored on-site and/or used in production will be of concern to firefighters responding to an incident at the facility.
5. If Gotion acquires the Township's water system, please detail what Gotion intends to do with existing hydrants in and around the project area. Will those hydrants be maintained for public use? Will the townships' emergency services have access to those hydrants for emergency and fire response?

### **C. Transportation**

1. Provide a summary and description of road improvements that Gotion or its agents/engineers have identified as being necessary to develop this project and/or that have been planned (or are in progress) with the Mecosta County Road Commission (MCRC) and Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) along with any estimated cost data.
2. Provide a description of the funding mechanism for the anticipated road improvements for both MCRC and MDOT and whether any such road improvements will be paid for by Gotion.
3. Provide any reports, plans or studies describing anticipated impacts on existing roads and traffic, including projected truck trips in and out of the facility, that have been prepared. If no such reports, plans or studies have yet been prepared, please provide a timetable as to when such documents will be prepared and provided to the Township.
4. Provide an explanation of Gotion's understanding as to what public infrastructure improvements (water, sewer, road, drainage, etc.) will be required for the project, who will be responsible for making those improvements, and how the costs for those infrastructure improvements will be paid. Will Gotion be paying for any public infrastructure improvements necessitated by this project? If so, which improvements?
5. Provide an explanation of the anticipated transportation methods and routes for transportation of materials (e.g., lithium, cobalt, graphite, manganese and/or nickel) necessary for battery production at the facility and the methods and routes for the finished product. Does the nature of these materials require any special handling, transportation or storage measures? Where will these materials come from?

**D. Environmental**

1. Describe Gotion's waste management strategy with respect to the proposed project. Will there be special wastes associated with battery manufacturing. How will those special wastes be managed?
2. Provide an explanation of any equipment that will be installed or processes utilized by Gotion to reduce or eliminate air pollution from the project (and identify those contaminants of concern), so that the operation will be in compliance with applicable federal and state law.
3. Provide an explanation of any equipment that will be installed or processes utilized by Gotion to reduce or eliminate ground or surface water pollution from the project (and identify those contaminants of concern), so that the operation will be in compliance with applicable federal and state law.
4. Provide an explanation as to the energy requirements to power the facility and how those requirements will be met. Will Gotion utilize or install alternative or green energy solutions such as solar and/or wind energy and if so, where will such solutions be located?
5. Provide an explanation and data as to how Gotion's water usage will not adversely impact surrounding private water wells and aquifers.
6. Provide any information as to anticipated noise (decibel) levels associated with the anticipated near-continuous operation of the facility and any noise mitigation measures that will be utilized to reduce noise pollution from the facility.
7. Will Gotion construct and utilize a foundry onsite as part of the production process?

**E. Economic**

1. Provide a copy of the complete report that has been referenced by Gotion and/or The Right Place in public meetings regarding the employment characteristics in the region and the radius from which Gotion will employ workers for the project (a 50-60 mile radius has been mentioned) that makes this area attractive for this project.
2. Provide a copy of any report, study or summary that projects the impact of the proposed project on the Big Rapids community over the next 5+ years, describing impacts such as anticipated population growth (plant employees and families) over the next 5 years
3. Provide a breakdown of the estimated annual salaries for various level of employees (from lowest to highest –not an average of all workers) and anticipated number of employees

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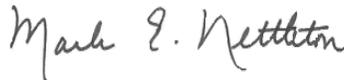
within those levels at the proposed facility. What is a typical employee benefit package for a Gotion factory worker include?

4. Provide a breakdown as to the number of employees that will be employed at the facility that will be hired locally versus those that will need to be brought in from outside of the state (or country), identify the level of those workers (production, management, etc.), and whether Gotion has any plans or agreements with respect to providing housing for employees coming from outside of the state.

If any of the requested information does not exist, please respond accordingly. If material does exist, but Gotion will not provide the information to the Township, the Township would appreciate a corresponding response.

Again, the Township would appreciate a written response to these questions from you or Gotion's engineers on or before February 24, 2023. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Very truly yours,



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