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February 19, 2013

Sanofi North America Head Office
Gregory Irace
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Re: Industrial Scale Solar Power Plant for Sanofi

Dear Mr. Irace:

Sanofi has an excellent reputation for supporting the communities in which they are located. I, as a longtime resident of Somerset County and former Mayor of Bedminster Township, have personally observed Sanofi's community activities, especially its support of the Somerset Medical Center and agree that your reputation is well deserved.

Sanofi has a strong commitment to the environment which is demonstrated by your many policies and dedication to conserve natural resources. Your commitment to the environment helps preserve the Earth's resources. Your ethics include high standards of environmental responsibility. Protecting the environment is a longstanding commitment at Sanofi.

Bedminster Township has worked diligently since the 1980's to preserve and protect the very environmentally sensitive lands that make up most of Bedminster, lands classified by the State of New Jersey as category Planning Area 5, "Environmentally Sensitive" and recently included as part of the Highlands Regional Master Plan, established to preserve and protect the quality and quantity of the State's water supply.

So it was most surprising to discover that KDC Solar SA55, LLC, a solar power developer with its headquarters in Bedminster, NJ, has filed an application with the Bedminster Land Use Board (LUB) for a USE variance and preliminary and final site plan approval to develop an industrial-scale solar panel power plant on the Kirby farm in Bedminster to

supply electric power to Sanofi in Bridgewater. One would not expect Sanofi to be participating in such an environmentally land and habitat destructive project. The application proposes to install 49,000-8'high solar panels covering 55-acres of the 106-acre farm, including the clear cutting of 38-acres of forested land, the addition of impervious surfaces for maintenance roads plus 7 structures ranging in width from 6' to 11.5'—in length from 23' to 35'—in height from 8' to 12.5' and the removal of a landmark barn. The Kirby property is a farm, located in Bedminster's court-adjudicated 10-acre rural residential zone

The property's High Agricultural Resource of Important Farmland Soils would be destroyed. Critical Wildlife Habitat covering about 50% of the property would be destroyed, including the Wildlife Corridor that generally follows the Wetlands across the central N-S axis-of the property.

The designated Scenic Corridor would be totally impaired with the installation of a 1,700' long x 200' deep x 15' high berm along Country Club and Meadow Roads. Flooding is likely to occur on of the low lying small properties located down slope and adjacent to the northerly border of the solar project. These residential properties depend on wells and septic systems that will likely be adversely affected by the proposed development.

The very low density residential zone was established to be consistent with the State's designation of this land as environmentally sensitive and is in conformance with the Highland Regional Master Plan focused on the preservation and protection of water quantity and quality.

This proposed industrial solar power plant would impair the environment and substantially impair the zone plan and zone map of Bedminster Township.

Sanofi is to be applauded for its use of renewable resources. I am a member of Stop Somerset Hills Power Plant, a citizens group organized to defeat the development application of the KDC Solar/Sanofi industrial scale solar power plant in Bedminster's 10-acre rural residential zone.

Stop Somerset Hills Power Plant supports the development and deployment of alternative energy sources, including solar. We also support the preservation and protection of our farmlands, woodlands and open spaces, as well as the scenic beauty of our community.

We believe that commercial solar power plants covering over farmland and open space, including clear cutting of forest , is **NOT** in the interests of the environment and conservation minded people and organizations. There is **NO NEED** to invade prime farmland, environmentally critical areas, historic districts, parks, and wildlife habitats to meet our statewide planning objectives for renewable energy.

There are sufficient rooftops, parking lots and industrial open space at the Sanofi campus to accommodate the solar energy requirements and save the agricultural lands, critical wildlife habitat and scenic gateway/corridor in Bedminster.

I request that Sanofi live up to its reputation, especially as it involves the environment, and reconsider its plans to receive electrical power from the Kirby farm and instead develop a solar power plant **on** existing rooftops, parking lots or other commercially-zoned land at the 149-acre Sanofi campus.

Sincerely,

Joseph H. Metelski
Mayor Emeritus, Bedminster Township
Member of Stop Somerset Hills Power Plant



February 28, 2013

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Re: Correspondence Dated February 20, 2013

Dear Mr. Metelski:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding KDC Solar's site plan application (package) filed with the Bedminster Land Use Board. I'd like to thank you for sharing your perspective on the solar project and recognition that Sanofi US has a strong and abiding commitment of corporate citizenship, social responsibility and environmental stewardship in all of the places we conduct businesses, including New Jersey.

Regarding the specific concerns shared in your letter, we believe there will be ample opportunity for clarification and public discussions on the project, during which we look forward to hearing from members of the community and participating in the dialogue on the most appropriate course for this project.

Again, we appreciate your sharing your concerns on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John M. Spinnato'.

John M. Spinnato
Vice President
N.A. Corporate Social Responsibility

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