

Request for Information (RFI) about Hydrogen Valley

Client Update – December 2023

Dear Clients,

We wish to inform you about the recent publication by the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure (the "**Ministry**") of an early request for information on the subject of "Hydrogen Valley" (an ecosystem in which multiple applications share a common infrastructure for hydrogen production and supply), which was published with the aim of establishing a framework for a hydrogen valley in Israel.

The publication of this RFI follows the recent draft issued for public comments in May 2023, regarding the strategy for integrating hydrogen into the energy sector in Israel (the draft was previously outlined in our May Client Update – see the following [link](#)). The draft included, *inter alia*, a description of diverse frameworks for the integration of hydrogen in the energy sector across the entire value chain (from production to potential uses) as well as recommended policy measures for the promotion and integration of hydrogen in the energy sector in both the short and long term. One of the measures mentioned in the draft was the promotion of regional hydrogen valleys which will integrate a significant part of the hydrogen value chain, from production technologies, storage, transfer and utilization in various sectors – industry, transportation and electricity.

As per the Ministry's statement, the creation of a hydrogen valley in Israel will enhance the practical implementation of hydrogen in both infrastructure and commercial aspects; will assist in formulating a suitable regulation; will support research and development efforts; will allow actual experiments; will examine the connection to the industry; and will serve as a platform for the implementation of most of the measures recommended in the strategy to prepare for the minimum scenario for the integration of hydrogen in the Israeli energy market.

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The RFI is addressed to international entities, and is intended for a diverse range of participants, including entities from academia, industry, private and governmental sectors, individuals, or consortiums with knowledge and experience regarding hydrogen valleys, and it is intended to examine the feasibility of planning and operating hydrogen valleys.

As part of the RFI, the Ministry requests information regarding the suggested number of hydrogen valleys to be established, characterization and proposed geographic location, production technologies, transportation and use by end consumers, all in accordance with the hydrogen value chain and regulatory and economic aspects in establishing the valley.

It should be noted that this Client Update only addresses the release of the RFI dated December 3, 2023, and aims to highlight key aspects that we believe are material to our clients. For the sake of good order, this Update is not intended to be a comprehensive review of the regulations in this matter and we advise our clients to follow the official publications and updates on this matter from time to time in the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure's website.

Additional Details:

- ✓ The deadline for submission of questions is **January 31, 2024 at 12:00;**
- ✓ The deadline for submission of responses is **February 29, 2024 at 12:00;**
- ✓ The questions and responses may be submitted in Hebrew or English;
- ✓ Please see a [link](#) to the publication of the RFI on the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure's website.

The information provided above does not, and is not intended to, constitute legal advice; instead, all information, content, and materials available above are for general informational purposes only.

We at Agmon with Tulchinsky, Law Firm are happy to assist with any questions in this regard.



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