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UKBCSE Welcomes Government Action on Renewable Energy

The UK Business Council for Sustainable Energy today welcomed the release of the Government's consultation on the UK Renewable Energy Strategy.

The Council believes that renewable energy has a critical role to play in moving to a low carbon economy and enhancing energy security.

David Green, Chief Executive of the UK Business Council for Sustainable Energy, comments:

'The vision set out today by the Prime Minister is highly significant – and builds a very real and positive direction for the UK energy market.

Maintaining Investor confidence will be vital. We particularly welcome the Government's commitment strengthening the existing Renewables Obligation to drive investment in large-scale renewables.

Much improved energy efficiency across the economy as a means of long term cost reduction is also crucial and the Prime Minister's emphasis on this today was particular welcome.

All energy companies are committed to working closely with local communities and planning authorities to deliver these new and challenging targets.

Now we need to focus on the practical steps that need to be taken to deliver the target – and act on the real sense of purpose and urgency that the Prime Minister set out today.'

The UKBCSE brings together the major energy companies in the UK to secure the fastest transition possible towards a sustainable energy economy consistent with the delivery of a secure and affordable energy infrastructure.

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Notes to editor:

The UKBCSE recently published industry wide analysis that indicated how the new EU renewables target could be achieved in the UK.

A summary of this analysis is attached. The full document can be downloaded from: <http://www.bcse.org.uk/ukbcse/news/latest.shtml>

The UK Business Council for Sustainable Energy brings together the UK's major energy companies. It works to support the fastest transition possible towards a sustainable energy economy consistent with the delivery of a secure, reliable and affordable energy infrastructure.

The Council has sister organisations in Washington, Frankfurt and Melbourne

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