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LETTER TO CONSULTEES

Dear Consultee

SECOND CONSULTATION ON THE FORM AND CONTENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENTS

- 1. I am writing to invite views on the Second Consultation on the form and Content of Climate Change Agreements.**
2. Current Climate Change Agreements expire in March 2013. However, the Government announced in the Pre Budget Report in 2007 that “the scheme will continue until 2017, subject to State aid approval, and [it] will discuss with business the most effective way of taking this forward”.
3. On 12 March 2009 a consultation entitled “Consultation on the Form and Content of New Climate Change Agreements” was published (the first consultation document) seeking views on options and proposals for change to the existing Climate Change Agreements. The Government has now reviewed the responses to that consultation and in this second consultation makes specific proposals for the new Climate Change Agreements. Your views are sought on this.
4. You are advised to read the first consultation document, in conjunction with the current consultation, which sets out the background that led to the proposed continuation of Climate Change Agreements and discusses in detail the issues surrounding the various options and proposals for change. The first consultation document can be found at:

http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/consultations/climate_change_agree/climate_change_agree.aspx

5. Prior to the issue of the first consultation document DECC explored the issues with sector associations at a Plenary Meeting in March 2008 and subsequently with individual sector associations and groups of sector associations. During the consultation period four Focus Groups were established by DECC to provide sector associations and other interested parties with a forum to exchange views and further develop ideas on the main issues covered by the consultation and DECC participated in further meetings with individual sector associations and groups of sector associations. Subsequent to the consultation period, DECC has discussed the results and further developed ideas with sector associations at a Plenary Meeting held in September 2009. In parallel with this second consultation, and subsequent to it, DECC will continue to hold meetings with sector associations and other interested parties. When this process is completed the full Government response will be published, probably in early Spring 2010.
6. The following documents may be found on DECC's website:
www.decc.gov.uk/consultations/:

Consultation document
Partial Impact Assessment
Letter to Consultees
Consultation response form
List of Consultees

7. This consultation is in line with the Code of Practice on Consultation. This can be found at www.berr.gov.uk/bre/.
8. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals made. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation, please contact:

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9. When responding, you are requested, where possible, to use the electronic version of the consultation response form, which can be found at the web address given in paragraph 6 above, and to forward your reply in **word format** to: ccaconsultation@decc.gsi.gov.uk.

10. If you are unable to submit your response electronically, please complete a paper copy of the consultation response form, or submit written comments, making clear reference to the question (including its number) which the comments address, and forward your reply to Sam Lutterodt at the address given in paragraph 8 above.
11. Responses must be received by **15 February 2010**. All responses will be fully considered before the Government response is issued.
12. In line with DECC's policy of openness, when this consultation ends a copy of responses will be made available to the public. Members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under freedom of information legislation.
13. If you do not want your response – including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, that will not count as a confidentiality request.
14. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. Your reasons will be taken into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation. But, because of the law, it will not always be possible to keep those details confidential.
15. All responses will be summarised and the summary placed on the DECC website at <http://www.decc.gov.uk/consultations>. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not personal names, addresses or other contact details.
16. To see consultation responses and summaries, please contact Sam Lutterodt at the address given in paragraph 8 above. Please allow at least 24 hours' notice. There may be a charge for photocopying and postage.
17. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to the Consultation Coordinator, Area 7C Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR, or email consultation.coordinator@decc.gsi.gov.uk.
18. Thank you for your help in this matter.

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