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## **CCSA Press Release**

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### **Government's Climate Change Advisors Get Behind CCS**

The Carbon Capture and Storage Association (CCSA), has today welcomed the Committee on Climate Change's (CCC) report "Building a low-carbon economy – the UK's contribution to tackling climate change", which recommends the rapid development of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) technology as one of the cornerstones of meeting the target for an 80% reduction in UK greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Dr Jeff Chapman, Chief Executive of the CCSA commented:

"In years to come I'd like to look back on today's report as the tipping point at which words became firm action in tackling climate change.

"As the report recognises, CCS is an "essential technology for reducing global emissions". Last week, the Climate Change Bill committed the UK to a mandatory target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050. Without CCS, this target will be unattainable."

In his presentation at the launch of the report, Lord Turner said that CCS will make a major contribution to greenhouse gas emissions reductions, alongside nuclear, renewables and energy efficiency; "it is not an either-or situation".

Jeff Chapman concluded:

"The UK has ideal geological storage resources and together with our engineering expertise, the UK is undoubtedly well-placed to lead the development of this industry. Also last week, the Energy Act came into force, putting the UK in a leading position in the regulation of CCS. UK business is committed to early investment, as illustrated by the 65 organisations that comprise the CCSA. However urgent action is needed to ensure we capitalise on the opportunity CCS offers to the UK economy.

"We look forward to working closely with the CCC to ensure CCS realises its potential as a powerful tool in our battle against climate change."

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**Notes to Editors:**

1. The Carbon Capture and Storage Association exists to represent the interests of its members in promoting the Business of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS). The Association works to raise awareness, both in the UK and internationally, of the benefits of CCS as a viable climate change mitigation option, and the role of CCS in moving towards a low-carbon global economy
2. The Committee on Climate Change published a report on 'Building a low carbon economy: the UK's contribution to tackling climate change' (1 December 2008)
3. The Committee's report suggested CCS is expected to make up 26% of global power generation abatement in 2050, renewable energy technologies are expected to make up 31% by the same date. <http://hmccc.s3.amazonaws.com/pdfs/TSO-ClimateChange.pdf>