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We need action now to develop low carbon economy

The Carbon Capture and Storage Association (CCSA) has welcomed the Government's Low Carbon Industrial Strategy Vision launched today by the Prime Minister.

Amongst other things, the Vision further sets out the UK's approach to achieving a low carbon future; covering a greater shift to renewables, nuclear and Carbon Capture and Storage, as well as the need for transformation of the electricity grid to cope with these new forms of generation.

However, the CCSA is disappointed that the Vision delivers no further detail on policy or funding for Carbon Capture and Storage.

Jeff Chapman, Chief Executive of the CCSA commented:

"The publication of this Strategy Vision is a welcome step on the path to developing the UK's low carbon economy."

"However, the Government risks further delays by another round of consultations with industry and we urgently need the final Low Carbon Industrial Strategy to bring decisive action and policy to support new low carbon technologies, especially Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)."

"Industry stands ready to deliver on CCS and as 2009 is a critical year in terms of tackling climate change and building green jobs, the Government needs to move quickly to ensure CCS can fulfil its climate change potential as well as delivering prosperity and jobs"

"We look forward to working with the Government to develop the Low Carbon Industrial Strategy and ensuring its delivery."

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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. Further details of the Government's Low Carbon Industrial Strategy *Vision* can be found at: <http://interactive.berr.gov.uk/lowcarbon/the-low-carbon-transformation/>
3. CCS can remove approximately 90% of the carbon dioxide emissions associated with conventional fossil fuel power generation, such as coal or gas fired.
4. CCS therefore makes a significant contribution towards meeting the UK Government's aspirational target of an 80% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2050.
5. The UK has at least 10 proposals for power projects incorporating CCS in the public domain, ranging from technologies using pre combustion as well as post combustion capture as well as advanced oxyfuel combustion.

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