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## **Norway Plans to Put CCS in Europe Back on Track**

The Carbon Capture and Storage Association (CCSA) welcomes today's announcement by the Norwegian Government to move forward with a number of CCS projects. Norway will spend approximately NOK 1,314 million on building their CCS portfolio.

This includes NOK 360 million towards a project to realise full-scale CCS in Norway. The three industrial emitters involved in the project are Yara (ammonia production), Norcem (cement production) and Klemetsrud (waste management and energy recovery). If all three were to successfully reach a final investment decision, the project would reduce Norway's carbon dioxide emissions by 5% and significantly help to achieve Norway's contribution to meeting the global 1.5°C target agreed at the Paris COP21 conference.

The Norwegian Government also announced a three-year extension to the Technology Center Mongstad (TCM), a CCS test facility jointly owned by Gassnova, Statoil, Sasol and Shell. A new agreement on the ownership and operation of the Center will be agreed by the end of 2016.

*Dr. Luke Warren, Chief Executive of the CCSA, commented:*

"This is a hugely encouraging announcement by the Norwegian Government and could once again place Europe amongst the leading regions developing CCS around the world.

The fact that Norway has chosen to develop CCS on three very different industrial sites demonstrates the massive importance of CCS to sectors such as steel, cement, chemicals and refining. Industrial CCS projects such as these are important not only in terms of their

contribution to emissions reductions, but also to ensuring a long-term sustainable future for these vital industries – retaining their tremendous contribution to job creation and GVA.

For too long people have only considered CCS in the context of the power sector. Other countries need to follow Norway's example and broaden their approach to CCS by encompassing industry, heat and power.

In the UK we are now looking to the Government to follow Norway's lead and develop a new approach to CCS that recognises its tremendous value right across the UK economy".

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### **Notes to Editors:**

1. On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016, the Norwegian Government announced their decision to proceed with three CO<sub>2</sub> capture projects following a feasibility study. The Government also agreed to extend the work of the Technology Center Mongstad (TCM), initially for three years. The announcement can be found [here](#).
2. CCS has a vital role to play in meeting the UK's climate change targets at least cost. The Committee on Climate Change has concluded that CCS "*could almost halve the cost of meeting the 2050 target in the Climate Change Act*". CCS is also the only technology available that allows deep decarbonisation in energy intensive industries, and is therefore crucial in enabling a long-term sustainable future for these important industries. CCS is currently the best option for producing large-scale, low-cost, green hydrogen which can then be used to decarbonise other sectors such as heat and transport.

3. 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.

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