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CCSA quote regarding UK Government announcement of world first “net-zero carbon” cluster – 13 December 2018

At the COP24 global climate conference in Poland, Energy and Clean Growth Minister Claire Perry today announced the UK Government’s ambition to develop the world’s first ‘net-zero’ cluster by 2040, backed by £170 million government funding. This ambition would see the UK using cutting-edge technologies like CCS to decarbonise energy-intensive industries such as steel, cement and chemicals – establishing the UK as world-leader in the low-carbon technologies that will be needed to meet global climate goals.

In response to this announcement Dr Luke Warren, Chief Executive of the CCSA, commented:

“We strongly welcome today’s announcement of the Industrial Clusters mission. The CCSA is delighted to have worked alongside government as part of an industry consortium on the development of this mission over the past year.

These clusters will utilise technologies which can provide deep decarbonisation in industrial sectors, and CCS is a key part of this effort. The Government has allocated £170 million to this work, and together with matched funding from industry, this will go a long way to laying the groundwork for the creation of low-carbon industrial zones in key UK regions such as Teesside, Merseyside and Scotland.

Today’s announcement represents yet another positive step forward in realising a commercial CCS industry in the UK, which can deliver significant global opportunities for the UK’s low carbon economy. The Government recently published its CCUS Deployment Pathway, setting out its plans to deliver the first UK CCUS project by the mid 2020s. Together with the funding announced today, this could help to realise a key recommendation from the CCUS Cost Challenge Taskforce – the establishment of at least two CCUS clusters in the 2020s.

We are entering into an important and exciting time for CCS in the UK; now is the time for strong industry and Government collaboration, to realise the Government’s ambition of deploying CCUS at scale and ensuring the UK steps up its climate ambition to make net-zero emissions a reality.”

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