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Progress on First CCS Projects in the UK

The Carbon Capture and Storage Association (CCSA) welcomes today's announcement by the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change Ed Davey, to award the first contract for Front End Engineering Design studies (FEED) to one of the two projects in the UK CCS competition. The project will now undergo detailed engineering work before a final decision in 2015.

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

"We are tremendously pleased that the Government has successfully reached the next milestone in delivering the first UK CCS projects. This is a major step forward for the White Rose project and we also anticipate a positive announcement on the Peterhead CCS project in the near-future.

These commercial-scale CCS projects will show that fossil-fuel power stations can continue to contribute to a secure and affordable electricity system without compromising our climate change goals.

We also believe that these projects only represent the beginning of the potential for CCS in the UK and we expect momentum to be retained by the UK's Electricity Market Reform which must support investment in CCS projects outside of the current competition.

Delivering these first two projects signals the start of CCS in the UK, enabling us to join those countries of the world that are pioneering the development of this critical technology, creating not only thousands of UK jobs but positioning the UK to compete in what will be a huge global industry".

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Notes to Editors:

1. The Government announced on the 9th December 2013 the successful award of a FEED contract to the White Rose project in the CCS Commercialisation Programme. The DECC announcement can be found [here](#).
2. The Government launched the CCS Commercialisation Programme (CCS Competition) and the CCS Roadmap on the 3rd April 2012. More information on the Government's CCS Commercialisation Programme can be found [here](#).
3. On the 20th March 2013, the Government announced the two preferred bidders in the CCS Competition, These projects are the Peterhead Project in Scotland and the White Rose Project in Yorkshire, England. The DECC announcement can be found [here](#). In addition, there are also a number of projects outside of the CCS Competition.
4. The CCS Cost Reduction Task Force published its final report in May 2013, concluding that CCS can be cost-competitive with other low-carbon technologies in the 2020s. The report can be found [here](#). On the 16th October 2013, the Government published "CCS in the UK: Government response to the CCS Cost Reduction Task Force". The response can be found [here](#).
5. The CCS prize for the UK is significant. The ETI has estimated that without CCS, the cost of delivering a low-carbon energy mix in 2050 will increase by £30-40 billion per year.
6. 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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