

## **EMBARGOED FOR 07.00, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**In response to today's announcement that Drax is withdrawing as an investor in the White Rose CCS project, Dr Luke Warren, Chief Executive of the CCSA, commented:**

*"While it is disappointing news for Drax that they will not be participating as an investor in White Rose, it is clearly positive that they recognise the value of this exciting project and are fully behind its development at the Drax site. It is also encouraging to hear that Capture Power remains committed to the delivery of the project and the UK CCS commercialisation programme. White Rose is key to delivering real benefits to the Yorkshire and Humber region by developing the CO<sub>2</sub> infrastructure that provides the foundation for a low-carbon industry in the region.*

*The coming months are absolutely critical for CCS in the UK and the Government must successfully deliver two projects from the CCS competition in order to achieve its goals of delivering a cost-competitive CCS industry in the 2020s. Failure to secure this investment will set back CCS by more than a decade with profound implications for the UK's energy, industrial and climate policies.*

*This development is symptomatic of the wider challenges facing the energy market and highlights the importance of Government establishing the regulatory and market framework that can secure the required investment. Government has to come forward and provide clarity on its intention for CCS".*

## Further information

- The White Rose CCS project is one of the two preferred bidders in the UK CCS competition (the other project is the Peterhead CCS project in Scotland).  
(ref: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/preferred-bidders-announced-in-uk-s-1bn-ccs-competition>)
- As part of the White Rose project, National Grid are proposing to develop the “Yorkshire and Humber CCS Cross-Country Pipeline”, which will develop the CO<sub>2</sub> infrastructure to decarbonise power and industrial facilities in the region and create one of the first low-carbon industrial clusters in Europe.  
(ref: TUC, Building our low-carbon industries, June 2012)
- CCS will be critical to achieving a low-cost low-carbon energy system in the UK. The Energy Technologies Institute has estimated that without CCS, the cost of meeting the UK’s Climate Change goals could double by 2050 – *an increase of £32 billion per year*.  
(ref: <http://www.eti.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Highlight-Report-Carbon-Capture-and-Storage-20141.pdf>)
- CCS represents a significant growth industry for the UK, creating between 15,000-30,000 jobs per year in the construction and operation of new power plants by 2030. CCS is also the only technology that can enable many energy intensive industries to decarbonise and so provide them with a long term future in the UK. Currently these industries support around 160,000 jobs directly with many more jobs in the supply chain. (ref: <https://www.tuc.org.uk/sites/default/files/carboncapturebenefits.pdf>)



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