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### **:: New Renewables Board Leads Way to Green Future** 11 November 2002

Energy Minister Brian Wilson today announced the members of the new Renewables Advisory Board.

The Board will play a significant role in the formation and delivery of Government policy on Renewables. The Board is charged with identifying the key areas that Government needs to tackle and provide workable solutions. Specifically, it will:

- Develop strategies for improving the development and deployment of renewable technologies in the UK; strengthen the UK supply chain and the ...infrastructure required to underpin the growth of a world class industry;
- Examine and prioritise initiatives aimed at improving the competitiveness of the UK industry;
- Identify new export opportunities and the measures required to ensure UK companies can fully exploit them;
- Make specific recommendations by Summer 2003 for actions to be taken by the industry and Government.

Brian Wilson said:

"As we move towards the publication of our Energy White Paper we must emphasise and exploit the synergies between Government, Industry and Academia. I am confident that the Board will identify how this can be achieved and work towards it."

"The potential prize is huge. World investment in renewables could be as much as \$400 billion by the end of the

Mr Alan Moore

Mr Moore is Managing Director at National Wind Power, a developer, operator and owner of windfarms in the UK. He has managed power stations for National Power and held several different roles in the CEGB.

Mr Ray Noble

Mr Noble was an associate director of Ove Arup and Partners for 28 years in the Building Engineering Group. He has spent over 10 years involved in R&D and projects with Photovoltaics.

Mr John Roberts

Mr Roberts is the Chief Executive at Untied Utilities Plc. He is a former member of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution and contributor to the report "Energy - The Changing Climate". He has over 25 years of experience of the electricity industry.

Mr Simon Roberts

Mr Roberts is Chief Executive of the Centre for Sustainable Energy, a charity that specialises in advice, research, education and practical project delivery. He was previously Senior Energy Campaigner at Friends of the Earth from 1989 to 1994 and Commercial Manager at Triodos Bank from 1998 to 2002.

Mr Gordon Shearer

Mr Shearer is responsible for Shell's Wind Business in the UK and Ireland. He has held a number of posts in Shell and has worked in a number of countries, such as Venezuela and Syria.

Dr Brian Lockhart Smith

Dr Smith has been Head of Projects at

decade. I am determined that Britain will not be left behind, as we were in the 1980s, when we lost our world lead in wind power to the Danes.

"As PILOT has become the engine of Oil and Gas development, I believe that the Renewables Advisory Board can become the focal centre of the Renewables industry. It will be a forum to discuss problems and provide considered, workable solutions for Government and Industry to implement."

The Renewables Advisory Board held an interim meeting in May of this year and they held their first full meeting today.

#### Biographical Notes of New Members:

##### Dr Tariq Ali

Dr. Ali is currently the Research Director of the Imperial College Environment Office, London and recently served as Technical Secretary and member of the Chief Scientific Advisor's Energy Research Review Group on Energy R&D priorities.

##### Mr Tom Delay

Mr Delay is currently the Chief Executive of the Carbon Trust, which was set up by the Government as a key part of its climate change programme. He was a principal at AT Kearney from 1999 to 2001 and worked at McKinsey & Co. between 1996 and 1998. He also has over 14 years experience in the Oil and Gas industry.

##### Mr Ken Forrest

Mr Forrest has been involved in the Oil and Gas industry for the past 30 years. At the Offshore Supplies Office he was responsible for coordinating Government and Industry action to strengthen the supply chain to take advantage of opportunities in the domestic and overseas market.

##### Mr Robert Hastings

Mr Hastings began his career with British Aerospace and has since worked in the power generation sector for a number of companies. He is currently active in areas of imbedded generation, on shore wind and offshore wind.

Scottish and Southern Electricity plc since 1998 and currently the focus is on renewable energy projects, primarily wind and hydro. Between 1996 to 1998, he was Managing Director of Southern Electric Power Generation Ltd and has also held a number of other roles in the energy industry.

##### Mr David Still

Mr Still has been involved in the renewable energy sector for the past 18 years, initially through the Northumbrian Energy Workshop and subsequently through Border Wind Limited and AMEC Wind. Mr Still is currently chairman of the British Wind Energy Association.

##### Mr Allan Thomson

Mr Thompson has 12 years experience of R&D on wave, wind and CHP pulsed combustion and 25 years experience of senior level experience on offshore oil and gas and onshore thermal power station construction projects. He is currently Chairman of Wavegen.

##### Dr Patricia Thornley

Dr Thornley is an engineering consultant with PB Power, who advises investors and ...lenders on the technical aspects of power generation projects based on advanced thermal technologies and/or renewable energy. She holds a PhD in Energy Research from the University of Ulster.

##### Mr Dale Vince

Mr Vince is the founder and Managing Director of Ecotricity group, an integrated renewable energy company who operate as developer, generator and supplier of green electricity. He has been involved in the wind industry for over 10 years.

##### Mr David Williams

Mr Williams manages a specialist manufacturer of towers and foundation support systems for onshore and offshore wind turbines. He has built up the company since the late 70's and since 1997 his company has manufactured and supplied some 400 towers to wind farms all over Europe and the U.S.

##### Mr David James Williams

Mr Williams was Chairman of EPR ELY

Dr Jeremy Leggett  
Dr Leggett has held lectureships at Imperial College of Science and Technology and is an associate fellow at Oxford University's Environmental Change Institute. He was also Scientific Director for Climate Change at Greenpeace International from 1989-1996. He is currently Chief Executive of Solar Century; a UK based solar electric company, and founding director of the private equity renewable energy fund, Bank Sarasin's New Energies Invest AG.

Mr Robert Leicester  
Mr Leicester is responsible for all NEG Micon onshore and offshore turbine sales in the UK & Ireland. He has over 25 years experience in the R&D, electricity and manufacturing sectors on a wide range of renewable energy projects.

and Scotland, the biomass company, from 1998 to 2002. Before that he held various posts with South Wales Electricity plc. He is currently Managing Director of Utility Partners Ltd.

Note: We have yet to appoint one final member

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