Dear Consultee

Consultation on the further promotion of consistent corporate reporting of greenhouse gas emissions

1. I am writing to invite views by the 5 July 2011 on how to promote widespread and consistent reporting of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by companies in the UK.

2. This consultation considers whether to introduce regulations requiring companies to report on their GHG emissions, as outlined in section 85 of the Climate Change Act, or whether widespread and consistent corporate reporting could be better achieved through voluntary means. A consultation document and an Impact Assessment provide further details of the options. I would welcome your views on these options and, in particular, would be grateful if you could respond to the specific questions. I would also be grateful if you have any comments on the impact assessment and again if you could respond to the questions on costs and benefits.

3. The consultation paper and impact assessment may be found on Defra’s website: www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2011/05/11/qhg-emissions/

4. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation, please contact:

   Carla Hopkins
   Area 5C
   Ergon House.
   Horseferry Road
   London SW1P 2AL
   Tel: 020 7979 8587

Or email: qhgregreporting@defra.gsi.gov.uk
Responses

7. Please send responses to either:

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8. Responses should be received by the 5 July 2011

Consultation Criteria

This consultation is in line with the Code of Practice on Consultations. This can be found at: http://www.berr.gov.uk/bre/

9. When this consultation ends, we intend to put a copy of the responses in the Defra library at Ergon House, London. This is so that the public can see them. Also, members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under freedom of information legislation.

10. If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, that won’t count as a confidentiality request.

11. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation. But, because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential. We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/default.asp. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people’s personal names, addresses or other contact details.

To see consultation responses and summaries, please contact the library at:

Defra
Information Resource Centre
Lower Ground Floor
Ergon House
17 Smith Square
London
SW1P 3JR
Please give the library 24 hours’ notice. There is a charge for photocopying and postage.

12. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to Defra’s Consultation Co-ordinator, Area 7C Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR, or email consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

13. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries on the consultation please contact me.

Yours Faithfully

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