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PRESS RELEASE

Government support for consumers and industry essential to Green Deal success says Climate Energy

Following the submission of information to the Green Deal consultation paper, Garry Worthington, Head of Green Deal at Climate Energy says:

"There are a number of challenges facing the Government if the Green Deal and Energy Company Obligation (ECO) are to deliver cost-effective emissions reductions and meet the carbon reduction targets which have been set.

"Climate Energy believes making the Green Deal as consumer-friendly as possible will be critical to its success, especially at a time when household budgets are tight. It is also essential that all Green Deal schemes are cost-effective so that properties can really benefit from the "Golden Rule".

"The current ECO proposals will also see subsidies for loft and cavity wall insulation come to an end for many, with the Government's own predictions suggesting an annual drop in the number of cavity wall installations when the current subsidy regime comes to an end. We believe that to maintain demand and support a smooth transition to the Green Deal, loft and cavity wall insulation should be included within the carbon-saving element of ECO for a limited period of time.

"As an award winning managing agent with our own network of accredited installers and surveyors we fully support the proposed rigorous accreditation system for assessors, providers and installers, but the Government must not allow the system to be cost prohibitive to companies such as ours.

"We welcome the Government's allocation of £200m to incentivise early adoption of the Green Deal, and believe a simple offer for early adopters, similar to the successful boiler scrappage scheme, could help to kick-start it."

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About Climate Energy

The Climate Energy Group is an award winning carbon reduction agency. It is Europe's fourth fastest growing larger cleantech company, according to GP Bullhound, and was placed 55th in the Sunday Times fastest growing UK companies in 2011.



Climate Energy is the partner of choice for local, regional and national government bodies, as well as registered social landlords, commercial organisations and charitable groups for the delivery of energy efficiency measures and renewable technologies. Climate Energy specialises in:

- The management of energy efficient and renewable energy retrofit programmes
- Funding and financing solutions
- Energy efficiency advice
- Consultancy

Climate Energy works with partner organisations and communities across the UK to help them adopt energy efficiency and renewable energy options. Climate Energy's portfolio includes:

- Carbon and fuel poverty reduction programme management on behalf of over 150 local authorities and housing associations
- Main contractor for major energy efficiency retrofit construction projects
- Funding agents for CERT and CESP

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