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### Polish business and science leaders appeal for a robust policy framework to drive efficiencies and lower CO2 emissions

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**Warsaw, 1 October 2013.** The Polish Business & Science Climate Platform, a coalition of companies and academic institutes, has published a statement addressed to the Polish government calling for a more innovative and lower emission economy. This complements growing calls from business leaders to increase resilience in response to the first part of the 5th Assessment Report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released on Friday, 27 September.

The statement, prepared in collaboration with the Cambridge Programme for Sustainability Leadership (CPSL) and the Prince of Wales's EU Corporate Leaders Group (EUCLG), emphasises the willingness of the signatories to work with all relevant stakeholders on developing policy solutions that improve energy efficiency, promote lower emission energy sources and invest in low carbon technologies overall.

Companies and organisations such as Trans Universal Poland (TUP), West Coast Energy Polska, Alstom, Skanska Group, Shell and Philips Lighting amongst others (full list below) want to encourage the Polish government to undertake constructive discussions around low carbon energy production at the Pre COP business meeting this coming Wednesday 2 October and beyond.

The leaders point to recent Polish reports demonstrating that Poland should both modernise its economy and take into consideration increased costs from adaptation to growing climate related extreme weather events. It also calls on policy makers to take into consideration existing leadership in Poland.

Business leaders who have signed the statement declare: *"We look forward to working with the government of Poland as it seeks to build a resilient, low emission economy. There are many positive examples of such leadership across Polish municipalities, cities and companies and we encourage the government to showcase these at what we hope will be a successful Pre UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP) on October 2-5 and full COP meeting on November 11-22 hosted by the City of Warsaw."*

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**Notes to the Editor:**

- This is an initiative of the Cambridge Programme for Sustainability Leadership (CPSL) and The Prince of Wales's EU Corporate Leaders Group (EUCLG).
- CPSL has been working with business leaders in the area of sustainable development and climate change for the last 25 years and manages The Prince of Wales's Corporate Leaders Group (CLG).
- The CLG brings together business leaders who believe there is an urgent need for new and longer-term policies for tackling climate change. Members include AECOM, Acciona, Alstom, Anglian Water Group, Aviva, BT Group, Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc, Doosan Power, EDF Energy, Glaxo Smith Kline, Heathrow, Johnson Matthey, Kingfisher, Lloyds Banking Group, Philips Lighting, Shell, Skanska, British Sky Broadcasting, Tesco, Thames Water, Unilever, United Technologies Corporation, Virgin Group and Vodafone.
- Signatories of the statement are Alstom, Buro Happold, Carbon Disclosure Project, General Electric, the Institute for Structural Studies (ISS), Kingfisher, Philips Lighting, PRC Architekci, St Gobain, Shell, Skanska Group, Trans Universal Poland (TUP), The Cambridge Programme for Sustainability Leadership (CPSL), Westcoast Energy.