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## Nick Otter, Interim CEO

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the first of our monthly E-News Updates, a direct way to keep you informed of our activities and accomplishments in the field of CCS. Considerable progress has been achieved since the Foundation Members' Meeting in April. Work has centred on establishing a formal status as a not-for-profit company, finalising the Constitution and recruiting staff. There is still much work to be done to become fully operational. Our focus on our primary objective of establishing 20 CCS projects continues. This is an exciting period for us all, with tremendous world-wide support and enthusiasm from so many parties eager to work together on one of the major global challenges.

This is a very exciting period in the emergence of the Global CCS Institute, and you can anticipate regular announcements and bulletins tracking our progress.

Regards, Nick.



## New Global CCS Institute Head Office

On 1 July 2009, the Global CCS Institute Head Office will establish itself in new premises in Canberra. The organisation will occupy the first two levels of a new, four-story building overlooking city parkland, with accommodation for up to 50 staff and taskforce teams as required. The location provides close proximity to the Australian Parliamentary Zone, key Government Agencies and easy access to Canberra airport.

Environmental considerations were at the forefront in the choice of Head Office. With this in mind, the building is designed to achieve four and a half out of five under the National Australian Built Environment Rating System, measuring energy use and greenhouse emissions, water use, waste, and indoor comfort.

To achieve global reach, state-of-the-art video conferencing equipment is installed in the main boardroom. This will allow staff to communicate efficiently and effectively with all project proponents and members around the world.

## Recruitment

Recruitment of staff to form the Global CCS Institute team is well underway. In early May, advertisements were placed in newspapers, journals and online mediums worldwide. Roles within the Global CCS Institute will be exciting and challenging, and suitably qualified people are encouraged to apply. Further information on any of these positions can be obtained from EWK International at [ewkmelbourne@ewki.com](mailto:ewkmelbourne@ewki.com). Applications close May 28. Likewise, the request for Foundation Members to help identify potential Global CCS Institute staff will close shortly and we expect to be in a position to start filling the positions very shortly.

## IEA-Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Programme CCS Summer School

The Global CCS Institute already has an eye to the future, and is looking to support new and emerging talent with a major contribution to the IEA-Greenhouse Gas CCS Summer School for young scientists. Partnering with the IEA GHG and other stakeholders, the Global CCS Institute is working to engage the next generation of talent to accelerate the facilitation of CCS demonstration projects.

The annual summer school is hosted by different countries in turn, and in 2009 the school will be hosted in Australia. The School will run from August 23- 28, 2009.

Around 55 students from around the world will attend the week-long residential school, encompassing young scientists such as Doctoral and Post-doctoral students with backgrounds in engineering, geo-technologies, and socio-economics.

More details are at <http://www.nzec.info/en/2009-ccs-summer-school/>.

## European Energy Commissioner signs MOU

On May 19 2009, Australia and the European Commission signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formally acknowledge the European Commission as a Foundation Member of the Global CCS Institute.

Energy Commissioner Andris Piebalgs signed the MoU on behalf of the European Union, and the Minister for Resources and Energy, Martin Ferguson AM MP signed on behalf of the Australian Government.

The European Commission has supported the Global CCS Institute's efforts to accelerate the global deployment of at least 20 industrial-scale CCS projects, and pave the way for the development of CCS technology.

## Recent contracts and funding agreements

### **Strategic Analysis of the Global Status of Carbon Capture and Storage Project (the Baseline Study)**

The consortia selected to perform the strategic analysis of the global status of the CCS project will be lead by Worley Parsons and includes Schlumberger, the Electric Power Research Institute, and Baker & McKenzie.

The output of the project is a comprehensive baseline report on the status of CCS technology deployment. It will cover technical, regulatory, economic, geographical, research/development capability, together with an assessment of the status of announced projects. The report will identify the progress being made towards the desired 20+ demonstration projects and estimate the current anticipated trajectory of achievement.

A major feature of the work will be a status report on the position of large CCS demonstration as of March 2009. This work will provide a clear focus for the Global CCS Institute's activities and will feed into a range of Ministerial meetings in 2009, with initial findings being available for the G8 meetings in June-July 2009.

### **Partnership with the Clinton Climate Initiative**

The Global CCS Institute has entered into a partnership with the Clinton Climate Initiative to accelerate early-mover, fully integrated, large scale CCS projects, and assist in the identification and acceleration of potential CCS projects. The partnership will also lead to the development of case study materials to assist the development and deployment of large scale CCS projects. It will then share 'best practice' understanding developed from these projects and case studies with other CCS proponents.

### **IEA**

The Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA) Mr Nobuo Tanaka has distributed the proposed EUR10.4 million voluntary contribution to the IEA Governing Board for approval. The program will run over a three and a half year period. The Governing Board will assess this proposal at its next meeting, June 17-18.

The IEA Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Executive Committee unanimously approved a GBP1.26 million work program at its meeting on the Gold Coast on 21 April. The program will run over a three and a half year period.

## **Reminders**

- Please send your organisation's Communications/Media contacts to [info@gccsi.gov.au](mailto:info@gccsi.gov.au)
- If you have any comments on our Draft Constitution (sent May 13 2009), please return them to [info@gccsi.gov.au](mailto:info@gccsi.gov.au)
- Fill out your Membership and Representative forms (sent May 13 2009) and return them to: Global CCS Institute GPO Box 1564, Canberra ACT Australia 2601
- To download the group photograph from the FMM Dinner, please [click here](#). You can [email us](#) to request a high resolution copy.

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