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Poland Joins International Carbon Capture and Storage Group

Boosts CSLF Membership to Twenty-Four

London, UK – The Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum (CSLF) today announced that Poland has become the newest member of the international carbon storage body. CSLF members approved the bid for membership during the Ministerial meetings held here.

With today's action, Poland becomes the 24th member of the CSLF. The other members of the Forum include: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Denmark, European Commission, France, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, United Kingdom, and the United States.

The CSLF is a voluntary climate initiative of developed and developing nations that together represent over 3.5 billion people, or approximately 60% of the world's population.

The CSLF was established in 2003 and focuses on development of carbon capture and storage technologies as a means to accomplishing long-term stabilization of greenhouse gas levels in the atmosphere. The goal is to improve carbon capture and storage technologies through coordinated research and development with international partners and private industry. This could include promoting the appropriate technical, political, and regulatory environments for the development of such technology.

Members engage in cooperative technology development aimed at enabling the early reduction and steady elimination of manmade carbon dioxide - the product of electric generation and other heavy industrial activity.

The CSLF and the technologies it seeks to develop were identified by international bodies as pivotal in dealing with greenhouse gases and their ultimate stabilization. The G8 (Group of Eight) Summit endorsed the CSLF in its Gleneagles Plan of Action on Climate Change, Clean Energy and Sustainable Development, and identified it as a medium of cooperation and collaboration with key developing countries in dealing with greenhouse gases.

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