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Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to present you with the quarterly CSLF Strategic Plan Implementation Report (SPIR). The SPIR was originally set up as a means for keeping you up to date about activities of CSLF task forces, stakeholders and the CSLF Secretariat, but starting with this SPIR we are also including short status reports from CSLF projects, including the two new projects that were recognized by the CSLF at the Paris meeting:

- Otway Basin Pilot Project (nominated by Australia and the United States), and
- Zama Acid Gas EOR, CO₂ Sequestration, and Monitoring Project (nominated by Canada and the United States).

Progress has been made in many areas, and I am pleased to announce the following successes:

- The CO₂STORE project (recognized by the CSLF at its September 2004 meeting) has been completed, and a “Best Practices” manual that summarizes results has been published.
- The China Coalbed Methane Technology/CO₂ Sequestration Project (recognized by the CSLF at its September 2005 meeting) has been completed and has issued its final report.
- The CSLF Storage Capacity Estimation Task Force has completed its Phase II activities and has moved on to Phase III. A final Phase II report has been issued and is available at the CSLF website.
- The CSLF Capacity Building Task Force held a Workshop, in May, that was attended by 45 participants representing six emerging economy CSLF Members.
- A second “Near-Term Opportunities for Carbon Capture and Storage” Workshop, jointly sponsored with the G8 and the International Energy Agency (IEA), was held in June. The IEA will be issuing a report on the Workshop, and presentations from the Workshop will be available at both the CSLF and IEA websites soon.

We are now moving ahead with planning for several future events:

- CSLF Financing Issues Task Force Meeting, New Delhi, India, 11-12 October 2007;
- Third Joint Workshop with the IEA on Near-Term Opportunities for Carbon Capture and Storage, Calgary, Canada, 27-28 November 2007;
- Meeting of CSLF Technical Group, Saudi Arabia, January 2008;
- CSLF Capacity Building Workshop, Saudi Arabia, January 2008; and

- Meeting of CSLF Policy and Technical Groups, South Africa, tentatively planned for April 2008.

We continue to face many challenges as we make progress in technology development, risk assessment, capacity building, outreach, legal, regulatory, and other areas. I am excited about the work of the CSLF and the direction we are taking to meet these challenges. Together, we are creating a new path forward.

Sincerely,



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and
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