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Budget Provisions on Sustainable Energy Welcome – CEO SEI

Moves to support sustainable transport, heat and power production warmly received by Sustainable Energy Ireland

Provisions announced in today's budget which will lead to increased Government support for sustainable transport, heat and power production were warmly received this afternoon by David Taylor, CEO of Sustainable Energy Ireland.

Specifically Mr Taylor welcomed the provision of €2 million in funding for the installation of insulation in households experiencing fuel poverty. According to Mr. Taylor, "Support for sustainable heat provision to houses will help drive innovation in this high growth sector.

Secure, environmentally friendly and affordable indigenous energy production will benefit all and help sustain our continued economic growth".

Other welcome measures outlined in the Budget include excise relief for biofuels to help achieve the initial target outlined by the Government, supported by SEI, for 2% of the fuel market to be made up of biofuels by 2008.

In addition a VRT relief of 50% for new flexible fuel vehicles, capable of operating on high-grade biofuels, is being introduced for a two year period, with effect from 1 January 2006.

"Any provision to encourage the transfer to sustainable energy sources by consumers is welcomed, supported and encouraged by SEI", concluded David Taylor.

Sustainable Energy Ireland continues to call for the support of secure, environmentally friendly and indigenous energy production to the benefit of all and help sustain continued economic growth.

Sustainable Energy Ireland was established on May 1st 2002 as a statutory authority charged with promoting and assisting the development of sustainable energy in Ireland. Sustainable Energy Ireland is funded by the Irish Government under the National Development Plan 2000-2006 with programmes part financed by the European Union.

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