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1. BCSD-UK CEO and his team wish all members a successful 2008 and hope that global progress is made on sustainable development

2007 saw climate change become a central issue. Its dominance tended to push aside other sustainable development values but we should be grateful at least that a subject that was of little concern to anyone not so long ago has now become a front burner issue. As the October UNEP Geo4 report clearly highlighted, the challenges are growing not diminishing. There is much to do – to make the first big understatement of the New Year!

2. **Headlines from our last Members Only UPDATE (January 08)**
 - View from World Business Council President Bjorn Stigson on Bali COP 13.
 - A useful paper prepared for Bali by the WBCSD on biofuels
 - News of BCSD-UK’s link to “BASE” – Business and a Sustainable Environment – “the first large scale event to highlight the links between profitability and sustainability”.
 - Update from DEFRA on Climate Change Bill

- Opportunity to download a report from BCSD-UK member Acclimatise produced as part of London Accord project
- BCSD-UK programme of activity for 2008
- BCSD-UK General Meeting and Management Committee meeting dates
- BCSD-UK supports Renewables Technology Audit '08

3. BHR Biofuels, Mitsubishi, Veolia and Worcester Bosch to lead “market audit” at Renewables Technology Audit '08

Renewables Technology Audit '08 is a free to delegates half day workshop on 25th February in the Banqueting Suite of the Birmingham Council House. It will look at solutions and business opportunities relating to energy, heat and water challenges and will feature speakers from BHR Biofuels Ltd, Mitsubishi Electric Living Environmental Systems, Veolia Water Solutions and Technologies and Worcester Bosch Group. Sponsored and supported by Birmingham City Council, Advantage West Midlands, BCSD-UK and others, the objective is to achieve a business reality check on market strengths and trends. For more information see www.bcsd-uk.co.uk.

4. E.ON, Bee Bee Developments and BPE Solicitors become BCSD-UK members

We are delighted to welcome them into membership. More information in our next UPDATE.

5. Visit to best practice at Güssing, Austria

Is your company in the Renewable Energy Market or its supply chain? Don't miss this opportunity to learn from the best practice established in Austria and make possible export or JV connections. Visit to Güssing, Austria - the first community in the EU to cut carbon emissions by more than 90%. The BCSD-UK, supported by MEBC, EBOP and UKTI, invites you to join us on a visit to Güssing, Austria. See attached flyer for further information on the trip including a provisional programme. For more information contact katieh@ebc-info.co.uk.

6. BCSD-UK Programme Development for 2008

A comprehensive programme of events is being developed covering London, the Midlands, the North and Scotland. Discussions are ongoing with a variety of supporting organisations. See the www.bcsd-uk.co.uk Events page for information on upcoming events.

7. BCSD-UK House of Commons Dinner Date for 08

Alan Whitehead MP, who has particular interests in renewable energy and waste and who has hosted earlier BCSD-UK events in the House of Commons, is to host the 2008 Dinner on November 19th. Venue will be Dining Room A as per 2007's very successful event. The occasion is open to BCSD-UK members and their guests.

8. BCSD-UK and new BASE exhibition in London

Business and a Sustainable Environment (base) is a major new annual business-to-business event that will take place at London ExCeL on 15th-16th October 2008. This unique forum will be the first large-scale event to link the goals of profit and sustainability. base will deliver the solutions, the partners, the information and the inspiration businesses need to reduce their impact on the environment.

BCSD-UK will be offering special deals for members. More information via www.bcsd-uk.co.uk.

9. New head of energy and climate at WBCSD

Andrei Marcu is the new WBCSD Senior Managing Director for Energy & Climate. Prior to coming to this position Andrei was President & CEO of the International Emissions Trading Assoc (2000 - until Feb 18, 2008), worked in UNDP (1998-2000) as Manager of Private Sector Cooperation, and in Ontario Hydro in Toronto, Canada (1980-1999) in a number of senior position in areas such as operations, regulatory affairs, climate change and office of the Chairman.

Andrei says: “This is a new and exciting opportunity for me to broaden my work, moving from GHG markets back into energy and climate, at a critical time, when a new post-2012 regime is being negotiated. Energy will be a major preoccupation for me and hope to be able to develop a number of workstreams in this area”.

10. BCSD-UK member Acclimatise produces new report as part of London Accord project

BCSD-UK member Acclimatise has recently published a new report as part of the London Accord project which explores the credit risk implications of a changing climate across a diverse range of industry sectors:

- Those with long-lived, fixed assets in all sectors
- Chemicals and pharmaceuticals
- Fossil fuel and nuclear power generation, supply and distribution
- Renewable power generation, supply and distribution
- Tourism

You can download the report from the resources section of their website. The report is intended to provide a high-level generic screen of potential impacts for these business sectors and possible adaptation options. It does not take into account the varying effects of climate change around the world in different geographical locations. From the front page you will see that the report asks more questions than it answers – this was quite deliberate.

The London Accord project is a co-operative research initiative supported by leading investment banks and research houses, major institutional investors and key NGOs and academics. The final London Accord report covers 25 papers by more than 40 contributors exceeding 700 pages of comprehensive analyses. Some of the other key contributors include Credit Suisse, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, and ABN AMRO.

11. BCSD-UK supports MEBC/ARUP look at zero carbon/climate change/sustainable development.

March 13th is the date for a Midlands Environmental Business Company event to be hosted at the ARUP Campus in Solihull where BCSD-UK MC Member, Peter Braithwaite, will lead a Think Tank to explore the difference between carbon footprinting, climate change, and sustainable development. Free and open to anyone. See attached flyer for more information and to register.

12. Free Low Carbon Solution Seminars from Mitsubishi

Part L and F of the Building Regulations; European Energy Performance of Buildings Directive; local government renewable energy obligations – are just some of a growing number of regulations which require specifiers and project managers to demonstrate how their buildings will perform against ever increasing targets on energy use. Mitsubishi Electric is bringing together a number of independent experts to host a series of free one-day seminars on how to ensure building design complies with new regulations, as well as

information on the latest developments in energy efficient systems and renewable energy sources for both heating and cooling applications. Topics discussed on the day will include: CO2 emissions; Renewable technologies, including a live demonstration on ground source; Lifecycle costs; Control systems; Running costs; The Code for Sustainable Homes, including a live demonstration of Ecodan™ heat pump boiler; Zero carbon solutions; The London Plan' - strategies and targets set by the GLA to make London a greener capital

DATES AND BOOKING INFORMATION - Tuesday 29th January 2008; Thursday 21st February 2008; Tuesday 18th March 2008. To book go on line via <http://www.mitsubishi-aircon.co.uk/>

13. BCSD-UK and Holyrood Magazine

BCSD-UK has accepted an invitation to become a Supporting Organisation to Holyrood Magazine's UK Carbon Reduction Commitment Conference to be held on 25th March in Edinburgh. For further details visit www.holyrood.com.

14. Forward Scotland - Champions for Sustainable Communities Awards

Nominations are invited by Forward Scotland for the Champions for Sustainable Communities Awards. The Awards will recognise and reward individuals who have demonstrated the leadership and commitment required to drive sustainable development at a community level. For further details go to www.forward-scotland.org.uk.

15. Job seekers

Directed to us via the WBCSD, Antoine Martin-Regnault has just got back to Europe from a year working for Danone in Asia. He is looking for a Business Dvpt / Sales role in the renewable energy and/or sustainable development industry, ideally in London. CV attached.

Cyril Jobard is seeking opportunities in the development of sustainable business solutions, especially in Green Procurement or Business Development for Recycled-content products. He graduated two and a half years ago from business school after one year of "international business administration", writing a masters dissertation on environmental management in the caribbean hotel industry. Since then he has been fostering sustainability purchasing at the One Aldwych Hotel, London, as Assistant Purchasing Manager. CV attached.

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