

**Energy challenges require considered action and tough choices,
Government energy adviser tells investors**

London, 16 September 2009 — Bernard Bulkin, Sustainable Development Commissioner for Climate Change, Energy and Transport delivered the UKSIF Annual Lecture on Wednesday, 9 September, speaking on the fundamental changes that will be needed in UK energy policy to address climate change and future energy needs. His speech charted the potential for specific emerging technologies, but warned against quick decisions that only address the symptoms of these underlying problems.

In his speech, Bulkin said: “We are facing some tough energy decisions in the UK, indeed, in the world. The decisions we make now on major infrastructure will set the course for the coming half century. None of these decisions are easy to make, all have implications for our economy, for the environment, and for social justice in our society. But we must make decisions – this is a time for considered action.”

Penny Shepherd, UKSIF Chief Executive said:

“Investors have an important role to play in accelerating the transition to a low carbon economy. However they need effective public policies to unlock the necessary capital investment.”

The lecture followed UKSIF’s AGM, at which four new directors were elected to the UKSIF board.

The UKSIF Annual Lecture was sponsored by Aviva Investors.

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About UKSIF

UKSIF, the sustainable investment and finance association, promotes responsible investment and other forms of finance that support sustainable economic development, enhance quality of life and safeguard the environment. Founded in 1991, it has over 200 members including pension funds, banks, asset managers, investment consultants, research providers, financial advisers and non-governmental organisations. For more info, visit www.uksif.org

About Bernard Bulkin

Bernie Bulkin is commissioner for Climate Change, Energy and Transport. Dr Bulkin is a member of the DECC Energy Board, the Board of Governors of Argonne National Lab in the US, chairman of AEA Technology plc, Chemrec AB, a non-executive director of Severn Trent plc, Ze-gen Inc and Accelergy Corporation, a Professorial Fellow of Murray Edwards College, Cambridge where he directs the New Hall Centre for the Environment, and serves on numerous charitable boards. He is a Venture Partner of Vantage Point, a leading US Venture Capital firm. Dr Bulkin was formerly Chief Scientist of BP.

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