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WADE Applauds G8's Call for Energy Efficiency and CHP

WASHINGTON, DC – G8 leaders today emerged from week-long talks and called for international cooperation in increasing energy efficiency. The World Alliance for Decentralized Energy (WADE) applauds these steps and the call by the G8 to “adopt instruments and measures to significantly increase the share of combined heat and power (CHP) in the generation of electricity”.

Existing decentralized energy technology, including high-efficiency CHP, is a proven method to reduce the emission of greenhouse gasses in a cost-effective manner.

“The leaders at the G8 Summit recognized what we already knew – that there is incredible potential to increase the efficiency with which we currently use energy,” said David Sweet, Executive Director of WADE.

Recently, the UK took a lead in making decentralized energy a priority. The UK's Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) released an Energy White Paper that specifically cites WADE's work to illustrate the benefits of decentralized energy.

“The DTI White Paper can be a building block for other industrialized nations and a foundation for the G8 leaders to implement their mutual goals on energy efficiency,” said Sweet.

The DTI's white paper states that a shift towards more investment in DE - as recommended by WADE - will make a significant contribution to meeting the UK's four energy policy goals including: reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 60% by the year 2050; maintaining the reliability of its energy supplies; promoting competitive markets; and, ensuring that every home is safely, adequately heated at an affordable price.

Richard Brent, WADE's Chairman concluded, “The G8 meeting provides a perfect venue for some of the largest global economies to agree on the best way forward to tackle the common problem of climate change. We're encouraged by the recent announcement that the US is finally willing to engage and we hope that all the leaders present will reflect on the important role that decentralized energy must play in any intelligent consensus.”

The DTI's energy white paper is available on WADE's Web site at:
<http://www.localpower.org/getreport.php?id=967>. The G8 Summary is also available on
WADE's Web site at: <http://www.localpower.org/getreport.php?id=968>.

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***About WADE:** The World Alliance for Decentralized Energy (WADE), based in Edinburgh, Scotland, was established in 1997 as a non-profit research and promotion organization whose mission is to accelerate the worldwide development of high efficiency cogeneration (CHP) and decentralized renewable energy systems that deliver substantial economic and environmental benefits.*

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