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Dear Mr Hartley

### **United Kingdom Energy Review**

Urenco provides uranium enrichment services, which is a vital step in the manufacture of fuel for nuclear power stations. Urenco exploits advanced gas centrifuges, developed and manufactured in-house, to enrich uranium and is acknowledged world-wide to have the leading technology in this sector. The expertise gained in the development and manufacture of centrifuges is being used in diversification activities, such as the enrichment of stable isotopes for a range of applications, including radiopharmaceutical and radiotherapy. The Urenco centrifuge technology has also been adapted to produce an energy storage device and aerospace components.

Urenco was formed in 1971 as a result of a tripartite collaboration involving Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. The Urenco Group employs 1,760 people overall, 530 at its enrichment plant in Capenhurst in Cheshire and, as such, is one of the major local employers. Urenco also has 55 employees based at the Group's head office in Marlow in Buckinghamshire.

In the year 2000 the Company had a turnover of €655million and an uranium enrichment market share of 15%. Urenco has a truly global order book, with 70% of its production destined for countries outside its home markets. The Company is an excellent example of the United Kingdom's success in the nuclear industry worldwide, and is well placed to grow further.

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As a member of the British Nuclear Industry Forum (BNIF), Urenco wishes to confirm its support of the BNIF's submission to the United Kingdom Government

Energy Review and draw attention to the following points:

- Nuclear energy has made a crucial contribution towards curbing greenhouse gas emissions in the United Kingdom.
- Nuclear energy plays a key role, supplying about 25% of UK electricity.
- Nuclear energy helps the United Kingdom achieve the important policy objectives of energy diversity and security of supply.
- Nuclear energy makes a significant contribution to the United Kingdom economy through employment and overseas trade.
- Urenco believes nuclear energy will have an important future as part of the United Kingdom's energy mix, supplying large and continuous volumes of electricity with negligible emissions of greenhouse gases.

Nuclear energy provides a necessary and uniquely effective part of the energy solution because it generates much needed electricity, protects the environment, and supports sustainable development. The continued safe, effective use of nuclear electricity and further development of advanced nuclear power plant technology are an integral part of the international effort to control greenhouse gas emissions and manage the risk from global warming.

I would, therefore, urge the Government to give strong policy support towards nuclear energy, and for the construction of replacement and perhaps new nuclear reactors.

Yours sincerely,

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