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Dear Per Arne

As we come to the end of the year, I would like to thank you for your support and contribution to the Institute's achievements over the past six months. I particularly want to thank you and receive any feedback from you as a new Associate Member – it is really important to me that we are doing a good job servicing your membership expectations.

Promoting the deployment of CCS in Europe remains a challenging task, and the environment has only become more challenging in recent weeks, but despite these setbacks the need for the technology is as urgent and pressing as ever and the Institute remains committed to working with you as advocates for CCS.

We have enjoyed the opportunity to work with you over the last six months and particularly wanted to acknowledge your excellent convening of two Baltic Carbon Forum events, your strong support and valuable contributions to our CCS Forum in Glasgow, and our continuing efforts to raise the profile of CCS in some of the traditionally 'hardest to reach' areas of Europe. It is very encouraging to be working with organisations as passionate as we are about the future deployment of CCS technology.

Our role is to work on your behalf as a global champion for CCS. I therefore hope that you find the following highlights of the past year helpful. Please also find attached a preliminary list of Institute events for 2016.

Advocating for CCS through key international climate and CCS processes

We know that future international climate change agreements and standards are very important:

- The Institute has therefore been the leading advocate for CCS at the UNFCCC meetings for the last six years. This year at the meeting in Paris we did so through a series of independent and collaborative side-events and exhibits, together with individual briefings with influencers.
- We are actively contributing to the drafting of international standards through ISO meetings.
- The Institute is one of the key contributors to the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum (CSLF) including the Ministerial meeting in Riyadh, which agreed an important communique on the need for CCS.

Providing influential, expert advice

This year we have taken many opportunities to advance the case for CCS including:

- Submissions to the review of the application of the EU CCS Directive, the EU ETS consultation process, the UN's CCR Task Force (with the IEA) and the European Investment Bank's consultation on climate.
- Input into expert reports on CCS including the IEA, Grantham and Brookings Institutes.

Collaborating with influential organisations and enhancing public perceptions of CCS

We focus on influencing the agenda for CCS and building a wide consensus of support including:

- Collaborating with multilateral organisations including the IEA, CSLF, ASEAN, UNECE and APEC.
- Promoting a series of thought leadership articles including Chris Davies (former Member of the European Parliament), Howard Herzog (MIT), Lorraine Mitchelmore (Shell Canada) and Christian Bach (UNECE).
- We have been active in promoting news stories, opinion columns and letters in influential media, including the Financial Times, Washington Post, The Australian Financial Review, Reuters and Bloomberg.
- We have an active international program of education and outreach around CCS through our CO2degrees Education initiative that has recently seen our outreach resources adapted and trialled for schools in both Japan and China.

Promoting advances in CCS projects, policies and technologies

We work collaboratively with our Members to showcase CCS progress:

- Jointly hosting with Shell and Pembina the CCS Dialogue day prior to the Quest launch, including publishing a case study to promote the importance of the project in building global confidence in CCS.
- Launching the Global Status of CCS: 2015 report. The publicly available Summary Report summarised global developments in CCS and presented actions for decision makers to accelerate CCS deployment. The full report is available to Members on the new Member Portal.
- Case studies and reports on the Lacq Pilot Project (France), CCS in the Baltic Sea Region, the Quest CCS project (Canada), the CarbonNet and Hazelwood Power Station projects (Australia), the Yanchang Petroleum coal-to-chemicals project and Toshiba's use of CCS at the Caofeidian steel plant (China).

Publishing and world-leading CCS content and webinars

We continue to provide easy to access expert resources on CCS topics including:

- An update of the Institute's CCS Policy Indicator and the first Institute's first CCS Legal and Regulatory Indicator. Also a comparison of the costs of CCS and other low-carbon technologies in the US.
- 29 webinars this year including UK DECC, Tees Valley Unlimited, Societe Generale, Toshiba, Utrecht University, Yanchang Petroleum Group, Shell UK, the World Bank, the ADB and the ROAD project.

Facilitating knowledge sharing networks and forums

Your feedback confirms that face-to-face meetings are of high value:

- We therefore brought leading international speakers to CCS Forums in the Americas (February), China (April), Australia (May), Japan (June) and Europe (September) regions.

Delivering exclusive value via the new Members' Portal

We are committed to providing a member 'go to' resource on global CCS developments:

- Our new Members' Portal provides regular CCS updates, publications, presentations, webinars and events listings as well as content translated into Mandarin and Japanese.

I look forward to continuing to work with you on progressing CCS and encourage you to contact Kirsty your relationship Manager or myself should you wish to discuss any aspect of your membership.

Yours sincerely,



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