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## **POWER HOUSES! MICRO CHP PLAN LAUNCHED**

Consumers could cut their home energy bills by up to £200 a year, *and* cut their home's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by up to 25 per cent with domestic CHP, according to leading experts at a major DTI backed seminar in London today.

CHPA Director David Green commented:

*“Domestic CHP puts consumers in the driving seat. It gives them the choice to deliver their own green power – and to cut costs. It is the ultimate competitive tool – the challenge for us all is to make it happen”.*

BG Group Plc, GES Powerline Ltd, TXU Europe Ltd, Sigma and Ecopower all outlined their plans to offer consumers their own domestic CHP unit soon.

Russell Marsh, a Climate Change campaigner from WWF said:

*“Without domestic CHP CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from all our homes will continue to rise. Putting Micro CHP to work will – along with energy efficiency measures – make a real difference. The Government now needs to make sure that regulatory inertia does not freeze domestic CHP.”*

John Stiggers, Chief Executive of the SBGI commented:

*“Major players in the gas industry are committed to bringing domestic CHP into the market. Its effect will be profound, and consumers can have the confidence of knowing that companies with a long term commitment are backing this.”*

The SBGI and CHPA are calling on the Government and OFGEM to ensure that:

- Connection and type approval procedures for Domestic CHP are simple cheap and fair;
- Billing and electricity trading procedures are reformed to enable customers to secure the full benefits of domestic CHP;

- Government programmes such as *HEES*, the new *Energy Efficiency Commitment*, *Warm Zones* and funding programmes for social landlords are encouraged to support Domestic CHP;
- Changes to the Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP), that are at the heart of both home energy rating and the Building Regulations, are introduced to fully capture the benefits of Domestic CHP.

The CHPA and SBGI will be taking forward this agenda.

Notes to editors:

1. The Domestic CHP Seminar was held on Wednesday 11 July at the DTI Conference Centre in London and attracted nearly 150 representatives interested in contributing to or benefiting from the early introduction and rapid take-up of Domestic CHP. The purpose of the seminar was to raise awareness of Domestic CHP among potential manufacturers, service providers, customers and influencers and to identify significant issues regarding the implementation of DCHP and the actions required to address them.
2. The Society of British Gas Industries (SBGI) – established nearly 100 years ago - is the only trade association that represents virtually all the major players in the main sectors of the UK onshore gas industry. The scope of membership ranges from gas suppliers, shippers and transporters, metering, distribution equipment and contracting companies to controls and appliance manufacturers and service providers. The main benefits of SBGI membership include representation of members' interests, information on a wide range of issues, access to overseas markets and opportunities for networking with key players in the industry. The principal aim of the Society is to promote a thriving UK gas industry. Further information can be found at [www.sbgi.org.uk](http://www.sbgi.org.uk)
3. The Combined Heat and Power Association (CHPA) works to promote the wider use of Combined Heat and Power. CHP's inherently high efficiency reduces primary energy use, cuts heat and electricity bills and reduces the emissions of harmful pollutants to the atmosphere. CHP is an essential part of our sustainable energy future – and recognised as such by the Government, the environmental movement and energy users alike. As part of its strategy to tackle climate change, the Government has set a target to at least double the use of CHP by 2010. Further information can be found at [www.chpa.co.uk](http://www.chpa.co.uk)
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