COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP ON THE RELEASE OF THE CCCE POLICY DECLARATION OCTOBER 1, 2007

Dealing with climate change is something we cannot afford to put off any longer. Our clear objective must be to reduce the carbon burden on the atmosphere, with the help of proven market-based mechanisms that make economic and environmental sense.

Richard B. Evans Alcan Inc. (Task Force Co-Chair)

As major producers, exporters and consumers of energy, Canadians are uniquely motivated to find innovative solutions to climate change. We have only scratched the surface of what technology can do to deliver deep reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Richard L. George Suncor Energy Inc. (Task Force Co-Chair)

Around the world, the demand for environmental solutions is growing rapidly. As a major exporter of energy-intensive resource products, Canada has a responsibility and an opportunity to be a leader in the development of clean energy and environmentally preferable products and services.

M. Elyse Allan General Electric Canada

In tackling the challenge of climate change, Canadians should be guided not by short-term expediency, but by what is in our long-term interest in improving Canada's environmental performance and enhancing our shared quality of life.

Jean Bernier Ultramar Ltd.

Climate change affects everyone, industry and consumers alike, and we all must be part of the solution. To achieve permanent, long-term reductions in GHG emissions, we need a focused technology strategy that encourages the development of effective solutions both in Canada and internationally.

Ron A. Brenneman Petro-Canada

Solving the problem of climate change will take time and is likely to impose significant costs on governments, businesses and citizens. In setting ambitious goals, we must make sure that companies can attract the capital they need to invest in the new technologies that will enable us to become a low-carbon economy.

Stephen G. Snyder TransAlta Corporation Smart and well-timed policies can transform the challenge of climate into a major economic opportunity for Canada. Companies and individuals have already made significant steps toward reducing our environmental footprint. The time has come for a much more concerted and aggressive national strategy.

Annette Verschuren The Home Depot Canada

Technology will solve the climate change issue. Canada has some of the world's finest universities, technology institutions, scientists and forward-thinking companies, and is already in the forefront of research in technologies such as ethanol and biodiesel from cellulosic material. With a focused policy and government support, Canada has the potential to become both an energy and an environmental superpower.

Kenneth E. Field GreenField Ethanol Inc.

To date, much of the public discussion about climate change has focused on the risks. As business leaders, however, we see many positive reasons for action. A coherent national strategy on climate change can strengthen, not weaken, our economic performance.

William B. White E.I. du Pont Canada Company