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ALFED SUPPORTS MANUFACTURERS' PROTEST LETTER TO CHANCELLOR ON CLIMATE CHANGE LEVY U-TURN

The Aluminium Federation (ALFED) has joined with many other major UK Trade Associations and industries in a letter sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to protest about the Government's Climate Change Levy (CCL) U-turn in his recent Pre-Budget Report.

The letter was sent by the Manufacturers' Climate Change Group (MCCG) to urge Alistair Darling to reverse his decision to change the CCL reduced rate supply within the Climate Change Agreements from 80% to 65% from April 2011.

The Pre-Budget Report estimated that these changes would cost UK manufacturers around £50 million, for a saving of only 0.2 million tonnes of carbon dioxide.

The letter was signed by Gareth Stace of the Engineering Employers' Federation, who chairs the MCCG. A copy was also sent to Lord Mandelson, the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills.

This Government U-turn could cost ALFED's member companies an additional £4 million a year.

Note to Editors

The text of the MCCG's letter is attached.

The Aluminium Federation is the Trade Association which represents the UK Aluminium Industry.

The Climate Change Levy is an energy tax which was introduced in 2001.

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