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SCDI RESPONSE TO SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Niall Stuart, spokesperson for Scottish Council for Development and Industry (SCDI), said:

"This is a crucial step in the development of this technology, which has two potentially massive benefits for Scotland. Firstly, it could make a huge contribution to delivering a genuinely sustainable, secure and reliable energy mix, as CCS delivers constant baseload to balance the variable output of our renewables and cuts CO2 emissions.

"Secondly it could provide a real boost to the Scottish economy, with a number of Scottish-based businesses and researchers leading the world in this area. The full conversion of Longannet power station alone could potentially deliver an investment of some £4bn to Scottish-based businesses in the energy sector.

"And there are huge economic opportunities from demand around the world. Scotland is will placed to lead the development of a European CO2 storage network, with our expertise in offshore engineering in the North Sea. And around the globe, coal still the main source of power, meaning a ready-made market in countries like China and the USA for Scottish firms that can develop and deliver this technology.

"Scotland lost its lead in wind power thirty years ago because of a lack of vision and support from the public sector, so the Scottish Government's strategic approach to the development of CCS - and marine renewables - is very much to be welcomed."

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