

## **SCDI WELCOMES DECISIVE CUT IN INTEREST RATES**

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**Reacting to the one and a half per cent reduction in interest rates announced today by the MPC, the Scottish Council for Development and Industry called for the downward trend to be continued.**

**Gareth Williams, a spokesperson for SCDI, said:**

“This decision demonstrates the MPC’s full focus is now firmly on reducing the impact of the economic downturn. This substantial reduction should further loosen the credit markets, and SCDI would urge the banks to pass on the benefits to businesses and homeowners to increase confidence, facilitate investment and stimulate demand. Falling oil and commodity prices mean that inflation is now projected to fall quickly to much lower levels, and SCDI believes that the MPC should continue to cut interest rates to limit the damage caused by the recession and bring forward the economic recovery.”

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