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SCDI RESPONSE TO SCOTTISH CCS BID ANNOUNCEMENT

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Commenting on the announcement that Shell and National Grid are joining ScottishPower and Aker Clean Carbon in Longannet's Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Consortium, **Ian Armstrong, Scottish Council for Development and Industry, North East Manager** said:

"The team now behind Longannet's bid for the UK CCS competition puts Scotland in pole-position not only to deliver in five years the UK's first big CCS project, but to lead the development of a technology which will be critical around the world for decades to come.

"The full conversion of the Longannet power station alone could deliver an investment of some £4bn to Scottish-based businesses in the energy sector and the new high-skilled, low carbon jobs the country needs. With coal set to remain the main source of power around the world, the potential export prize for the Scottish economy and employment is even greater.

"CCS will make a huge contribution in a sustainable, secure and reliable energy mix for Scotland, as it delivers constant baseload to balance the variable output of renewables and cuts CO₂ emissions. Shell's involvement shows how central the skills and expertise built up by our North Sea oil and gas sector will be to Scotland's renewable and clean energy future."

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