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ANNOUNCEMENT:

**CLOSURE OF LOW CARBON BUILDING PROGRAMME PHASES 1 and 2
TO NEW APPLICATIONS FOR ELECTRICAL MICROGENERATION
TECHNOLOGIES**

The Low Carbon Buildings Programme (LCBP), Phase-1 and Phase-2 has closed to all **new** applications for grants for electrical microgeneration as of 5pm, Wednesday 3rd February, which follows the publication of the Government's consultation on the Feed-In Tariffs (FIT's)

The LCBP Programme has been running since 2006 and has provided a firm basis for the manufacture, assembly, supply and installation of microgeneration technology across the UK with over 14,500 grants provided to householders and 3,000 grants provided to schools, churches, communities and other not-for-profit organisations to date.

The publication of the of the FIT's consultation on Monday 1st February in advance of the FITs tariff introduction, scheduled for April 2010, will provide additional certainty for the industry to continue to develop and expand.

The total funding for LCBP is finite and the closure to applications for electrical microgeneration technologies will allow the remaining un-allocated funding to be focussed on thermal microgeneration in the run-up to the introduction of the Renewable Heat Incentives (RHI's) scheduled for April 2011.

The Low Carbon Buildings Programme is the £131 million grants programme providing assistance for the purchase and installation of both electrical and thermal microgeneration technology for householders under Phase-1 and schools, churches communities and other not-for-profit organisations under Phase-2.

LCBP has shown its commitment to electrical microgeneration and has committed, to date, over £62 million (64%) of funding to it of which £54 million has been committed to the buoyant Solar Pv market.

For more information about the Low Carbon Buildings Programme phase 1 please visit www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk or for more information about the Low Carbon Buildings Programme phase 2 please visit www.lowcarbonbuildingsphase2.org.uk