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Brussels, Belgium (12th June 2007) – the Association of Issuing Bodies (AIB) announced today that its members, the energy regulators and transmission system operators of Europe, have now issued more than 220 million¹ internationally transferrable 1MWh energy certificates² since the Association was first formed in 2002; and 67 million³ certificates during 2006. Around half of these certificates have been used to provide evidence of energy source to electricity consumers.

These volumes are a real breakthrough, and show the high level of acceptance of AIB services. Increasing demand for certification of electricity for fuel mix disclosure has driven growth in certificate volumes. The market has grown continuously at 30-50% per annum. The general flow of certificates is from Scandinavia to Netherlands, Flanders and Germany; and predominantly representing hydropower and, to a lesser extent, biomass and wind power.

Membership has grown to include most EU-15 countries plus Slovenia, and interest is now being expressed from the new entrants to the EU. AIB now supports guarantees of origin for renewable electricity (as required under Directives 2001/77/EC) and cogeneration (as required under Directive 2004/8/EC); as well as voluntary certificates for renewable, fossil and nuclear energy.

About the Association of Issuing Bodies

The AIB is the leading enabler of international energy certificate schemes – all government-appointed issuers of electronic transferable guarantees of origin from mainland Europe are members. The AIB promotes the use of a standardised system, based on harmonised environment, structures and procedures in order to ensure the reliable operation of international energy certificate systems, with a view to encourage the development of renewable energy.

The European Energy Certificate System (EECS) is a well-tested, standardised system, which is based on harmonised environment, structures and procedures and ensures the reliable operation of international energy certificate systems. It is the basis for certificate schemes in 16 European countries, and enables international trade. EECS has proved to be highly effective, efficient, fraud resistant and low cost.

Each EECS certificate is uniquely identifiable, transferable and therefore tradable, and contains standard information, including (for electricity): a unique certificate number, issuer, generation plant identity, time of issue, period of energy production, type of technology, installed capacity and an indication of whether any public support has been received.

The services of the AIB contribute significantly to improved efficiency and transparency in the trading of electricity, especially renewable electricity, which is an important and growing part of the Internal Electricity Market. The increasing use of AIB services in the market confirms this analysis.

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¹ As much renewable energy as the European Union produces in about six months

² The AIB uses the generic term "certificate" to mean a transferable evidential certificate, record or guarantee such as a guarantee of origin.

³ As much renewable energy as France or Sweden generate in a year, and more than any other European country

