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DES CHAIRMAN URGES COMPANIES TO VERIFY CCA CARBON ALLOWANCES

Dairy companies that beat their fourth Climate Change Agreement target this year should verify their performance, Dairy Energy Savings Chairman Gerard Sweeney urged last week.

Speaking during a DES meeting which saw him reappointed Chairman, Sweeney said that over performing companies should consider whether to trade the carbon allowances or retain them until the final milestone in 2010.

Sweeney explained: "We're already facing a tough challenge from the CCA, which sets a target on energy use that dairy companies have made great efforts to move towards. Now the final target for 2010 is under review, and is likely to be significantly tightened in the next few weeks.

"So, tactics around carbon allowances are becoming a key part of operating in the dairy sector. Our industry was an early adopter, and has participated in a Climate Change Agreement since 2000.

"Verifying any carbon allowances gives companies the option of either trading them before 2010 or retaining the carbon to use against any shortfall in meeting the final target in 2010. If allowances are not verified, they cannot be traded."

In addition to Gerard Sweeney's re-election, George Plemper and Trevor Benyon were both reappointed to the Board of Dairy Energy Savings at the meeting on 23 October. The Board also appointed a new Director, Chris King of First Milk.

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Notes to Editors:

About Dairy UK:

Dairy UK is the cross-industry body representing processors and distributors of liquid milk and dairy products, as well as farming interests and milk producer co-operatives. For more information visit www.dairyUK.org

About Dairy Energy Savings Ltd:

All dairy companies are eligible to enter into the dairy sector agreement. In return for agreeing to meet energy savings targets companies benefit from a reduction in the climate change levy. There are currently just over 100 sites in the dairy sector Climate Change Agreement.

The Board of Dairy Energy Savings Ltd is as follows:

- Mr Gerard Sweeney (Robert Wiseman and Sons Ltd), Chairman
- Dr George Plemper (Arla Foods UK Plc)
- Mr Trevor Benyon (Molkerei Alois Müller GmbH & Co)
- Mr Chris King (First Milk)
- Mr Jim Begg (Dairy UK)
- Dr Ed Komorowski (Dairy UK)
- Mr Simon Bates (Dairy UK) Company Secretary