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### **Budget 2009: “Timid...Inadequate...Another Wasted Opportunity” for Green Jobs as a Route to Economic Recovery and International Competitiveness**

Commenting on today’s 2009 Budget Adrian Wilkes said **“This 2009 Budget fails to include an ambitious green economic stimulus that would have supported job creation, economic development *and* environmental protection. The extra £1.4 billion for the UK’s environmental sector is timid and inadequate – and puts the UK at a competitive disadvantage.**

**“Other countries around the world, from the USA to Korea, have used multi-billion “green new deals” to create thousands of jobs in their environmental industries – putting them at the heart of a future global low carbon economy.**

**“Even Gordon Brown recognises that the UK’s future competitiveness will depend on an urgent transition to a low carbon economy. The Budget was a real test of how serious the Government is about making this transition and the thousands of new British businesses and hundreds of thousands of new jobs it could create. Sadly it is another wasted opportunity.”**

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

1) The April 2009 Budget Report can be accessed at <http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/Budget2009>

2) For copies of Growth strategy and budget paper contact Danny Stevens on 0207 935 1675 / [danny.stevens@eic-uk.co.uk](mailto:danny.stevens@eic-uk.co.uk)

3) The Environmental Industries Commission (EIC) is the lead trade association for UK's environmental technology and services industry, with over 300 Member Companies. EIC represents the main environmental sectors (water, air, land, waste, transport, marine, climate change, etc). It has the support of leading politicians from all three major political parties, industrialists, trade union leaders, environmentalists, and academics.