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EURIMA welcomes the greening of energy supply

Following its ratification of the UN Kyoto protocol on climate change – a major step towards binding greenhouse gas emission limits for industrialised countries – the European Commission has just (26 June) published its final report on a green paper for European strategy on energy supply.

Horst Biedermann, director general of the European Insulation Manufacturers Association (EURIMA), said the report was particularly timely in view of the impending Johannesburg summit. “At long last, energy efficiency is coming to the top of the political agenda”, said Biedermann. “The report acknowledges that the EC has little room for manoeuvre on energy supply, unlike the United States which seems to be hell bent on meeting energy demand by constantly boosting supply.”

With virtually unanimous agreement on the need for better energy efficiency by 2010, improving standards of insulation in the building sector is now seen as a priority area for future actions. “Since energy consumption in buildings represents 40% of all man made CO₂ emissions, we are pleased that there is finally a sense of urgency on energy policy”, explained Biedermann. “Effective steps to reduce CO₂ emissions from Europe’s buildings could achieve most of the overall 8% reduction in emissions that the EU is pledged to deliver by 2010.”

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