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## **EVENT NOTICE**

### **IEA Announces New Cities and Energy Challenge at District Energy Event**

“The IEA would like to announce a new effort working with cities to capitalize on district energy and energy efficiency to make a major impact in addressing climate change”, said Pieter Boot, the Director of the International Energy Agency’s (IEA) Long-Term Office today at the Euroheat & Power Conference in Brussels. Mr. Boot highlighted the urgency of the climate change problem. He explained that a new energy revolution was needed, which must include a portfolio of policy and technology solutions to solve our growing climate change and energy security challenges. He noted that many cities are already taking steps towards climate change mitigation through innovative policies and investment programmes. One example is the role that cities can play to increase the use of district energy. “Cities like Copenhagen, Helsinki, Seoul and Toronto have taken an important step towards achieving climate and energy-savings benefits for the past several decades through a concerted effort to advance district energy. Other cities can learn from their examples”, added Mr. Boot.

The IEA recently released a new publication, *CHP: Evaluating the Benefits of Greater Global Investment*, which looks at the possible greenhouse gas reductions, energy savings and other benefits that would result from greater global use of CHP and district energy as part of a comprehensive energy strategy. Mr. Boot explained the results of this report and stressed the IEA’s interest in sharing best practices. “Our analysis confirms that there are important benefits that can be realized today from greater use of district energy and CHP, particularly in rapidly growing economies like Brazil, China, and India. The IEA will work with these countries to transfer technology and know-how through its network.”

Mr. Boot added that there would be additional IEA analysis of cities and energy released later in 2008, including benchmarking of urban energy use and publication of best practices as part of the 2008 *World Energy Outlook* in November.

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