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Lima Talks Send Signals of Progress On Road Towards Paris

Lima, Peru— Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) President Lisa Jacobson issued the following statement on the conclusion of the 20th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Lima, Peru:

“The spirit of the Lima talks was constructive – and we are making progress on the road to a new international climate change agreement in Paris 2015.

“There needs to be clarity and transparency around country strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and we look forward to countries putting forward their national contributions early next year.

“A diverse and clean portfolio of energy solutions – including demand-side and supply-side energy efficiency, natural gas, carbon capture use and storage, and renewable energy resources (biomass, biogas, geothermal, hydro, solar and wind) – will be necessary elements of national plans to mitigate climate change. These industries stand ready to work with governments to meet the challenge.

“The BCSE outlined the elements it wants to see in [“A Framework for a 2015 Climate Change Agreement and Accelerated Clean Energy Deployment,”](#) released at the beginning of the Conference in Lima. Most importantly, this process must demonstrate clear ambition, to give a strong directional signal to the private sector that governments are committed to building a low-carbon economy.

“Under the Peruvian leadership we saw an emphasis of partnership with the private sector and other stakeholders. In Lima, we also saw new financial commitments to the Green Climate Fund and refinements on the role that Climate Technology Center and Network will play in assisting developing countries access clean energy technologies. These developments and the decisions taken at COP20 help pave the way for a new agreement in Paris.”

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