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Press Office

Please find attached draft Press Release concerning forthcoming changes to the non domestic, (RHI) for your consideration. The submission related to this is due to issue to Private Office in the morning.

Many thanks

Regards

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## CHANGES TO THE NI RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE SCHEME

Enterprise, Trade and Investment Minister, Jonathan Bell, today announced changes to the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) Scheme.

The RHI provides long term financial support for businesses and households wishing to switch from conventional heating to renewable heating solutions, such as biomass; heat pumps and solar thermal.

Due to the success of the non-domestic scheme and an unprecedented increase in application numbers, tariffs changes are being introduced for new biomass heating systems from 1 October 2015.

Commenting on the changes to the scheme, Jonathan Bell said: **“Both RHI schemes are performing very well and we’re on track to achieve the interim Programme for Government target of 4% renewable heat this year. However this success now means we need to reduce some of the tariffs to ensure the scheme remains affordable and to ensure that support can continue to be provided to consumers and businesses wishing to switch to renewable heating technologies in the future. I would encourage all households and businesses to consider the advantages of switching to a renewable heating source supported by these incentives.**

**“I am confident that there will be continue to be a good uptake of the scheme and that businesses will continue to achieve a return on their investment while contributing to the protection of our environment.”**

The Minister added: **“Households and businesses wishing to avail of the RHI should review the information on the Energywise pages of the Executive’s nidirect website, which provide details about the scheme and how the tariffs are applied.”**

The domestic and non-domestic RHI schemes are open to all households and businesses and support installations commissioned since 1 September 2010. The levels of support under the RHI schemes and guidance documents for applicants and installers can be found at <http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/energywise>

## Notes to editors:

1. The Northern Ireland RHI schemes are open to domestic and non-domestic customers wishing to accredit renewable heat installations. All eligible installations commissioned since 1 September 2010 will be able to avail of the incentive payments.
2. The non-domestic RHI scheme is administered on DETI's behalf by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (Ofgem). The Domestic RHI Scheme is administered by DETI.
3. For press enquiries please contact DETI Press Office on tel: 028 9052 9604. Out of office hours please contact the Duty Press Officer via pager number Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry and your call will be returned.