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Greenpeace and EREC invite renewable energy projects to start online Energy [R]evolution

Washington, March 4, 2008 -- Greenpeace and the European Renewable Energy Council (EREC) today invited renewable energy projects worldwide to upload their details into a new online *Best Practice* search engine (1).

Anyone involved in renewable energy, from individuals installing mini wind turbines on their roof, to clean development mechanism (CDM) project developers, to wave power producers are encouraged to share their experiences and help build an online database of real solutions to the climate crisis. The website was launched at the Washington International Renewable Energy Conference (WIREC) (2), which opened today.

“Installing solar panels on your roof? Just connected a wind farm to the grid? Investing in a renewable energy CDM project? Then please share your experiences. Upload your projects onto *Best Practice* and help us to inform and inspire people and policy makers worldwide” said Sven Teske, Greenpeace International energy expert.

Renewable energy is capable of providing six times more energy than the world currently consumes – forever. Last year more than \$100 billion was invested in new renewable energy capacity, manufacturing plants, and research and development.

“The renewable energy market is booming. Perhaps you are wondering how much energy your local wind farm produces, or where you can find examples of solar power projects in Germany. *Best Practice* should soon allow you to find out, and to see what’s really going on behind the statistics.” said Oliver Schäfer, EREC director of energy policy.

Greenpeace’s Energy [R]evolution blueprint (3) shows that renewable energy, combined with greater energy efficiency, can deliver half of the world’s energy needs by 2050. The Futu[r]e investments report (4) describes how a safe renewable energy future would also cost 10 times less than a ‘business as usual’ future dependent on fossil fuels, saving US\$180 billion a year.

With *Best Practice* interested users can search for projects under country, technology or policy.

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Notes to editors:

1. <http://www.energyblueprint.info/home.0.html>

2. The Washington International Renewable Energy Conference (WIREC 2008) brings together government, civil society and private business leaders to assess the benefits of a major and rapid scale-up in the global deployment of renewable energy technology. WIREC 2008 is the third global ministerial-level conference on renewable energy, following events in Beijing in 2005 and Bonn in 2004.

3. www.greenpeace.org/energyrevolution

4. www.greenpeace.org/international/press/reports/future-investment