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SCDI COMMENT ON SSE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Welcoming the announcement today by First Minister Alex Salmond MSP that Scottish and Southern Energy will create a renewable energy centre of excellence in Glasgow, Scottish Council for Development and Industry (SCDI) Chief Executive Dr Lesley Sawers said:

"Green jobs will be a key driver of economic recovery as Scotland develops a lower carbon economy. Research for SCDI has found that Scotland will need to invest £10bn in the next 10 years to replace electricity generating capacity with renewable power. The global market will be worth hundreds of billions so this is a huge opportunity for Scottish industry and new jobs.

"The decision to base Scottish and Southern Energy's new centre of excellence in Glasgow reflects the progress being made in Scotland across a range of technologies and the city's engineering skills. We must ensure that Scotland remains an attractive investment location."

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