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**CCUS Track-1 Clusters Contingent Liabilities – Padeswood update**

Dear Geoffrey,

Please see attached for the Departmental Minute and Written Ministerial Statement setting out the details of an update to the contingent liabilities (CLs) associated with the Carbon Capture Usage and Storage (CCUS) Track-1 clusters.

Parliament was previously notified of 5 contingent liabilities associated with the Carbon Capture Usage and Storage (CCUS) Track-1 clusters in November 2024. These liabilities directly address issues which have hampered previous attempts at a CCUS programme, in particular investor confidence and the risk of leakage.

The Departmental Minute and Written Ministerial Statement attached represent an update to one of these contingent liabilities, in anticipation of signing contracts with the Padeswood cement project, which we expect soon, subject to timely conclusion of negotiations and resolution of outstanding conditions. The addition of further CO2 capture projects like Padeswood was planned and is part of the Government's plan to maximise its investment in the Track 1 clusters.

With very best wishes,

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