



***Association for Advocacy on increasing Geothermal Energy investment announces six Working Groups and five new Founding Members***

LONDON – 6 April – the recently-formed Geothermal Energy Advancement Association (GEAA) is pleased to today announce six new Working Groups and five new Founding members. GEAA was formally launched exactly 1 year ago today!

GEAA is a not-for-profit stakeholder-driven association that advocates increased investment in, and awareness of, this sustainable source for low carbon power, heat, and hot water. GEAA aims to promote geothermal, its future role, and the necessary policy and legal frameworks needed to accelerate its use. It is open globally to all those interested in advancing geothermal energy and its role in helping transition to a Net Zero world using less hydrocarbons.

Geothermal is an abundant, constant, clean renewable energy source that is present naturally underground everywhere on planet Earth. It can be used to create permanent energy security and is totally independent of weather. With increased investment, and a wider understanding of how geothermal energy can be used, geothermal can become a key part of a global low-carbon future.

Founder Members include energy companies, universities, institutions, and professional services. Today, we are pleased to announce a further five, each a leader in understanding and developing geothermal energy. Together, GEAA now has a Board of Founding Members of seventeen.

Commenting on today’s announcement, Chair of the GEAA Board of Founding Members, Chris Sladen, said: “Today is another great step forward. I am particularly pleased that we have universities, energy companies, institutions, and professional services all working together. We have six Working Groups each active on dozens of topics, each helping to make geothermal a success; the groups are preparing briefing notes, clear statements and explanations involving geothermal exploration, appraisal, commercialization, development, production, and people & skills”.

President of GEAA, Professor Jon Gluyas, Director of the Durham Energy Institute at Durham University, noted: “The next year is critical to putting plans in place for a low carbon world, post-COP 26, and consolidating progress in COP27. Through GEAA, we plan to deliver concise messages that get to the heart of the changes needed in providing and distributing low carbon geothermal heat and power.”

The five Founding Members announced today are:



**Notes to editors:**

- The Association has a global reach and seeks to promote a global understanding of the potential for development and rapid deployment of geothermal energy, both as heat and power.
- Geothermal energy can be found in many forms and at different temperatures and depths. It has many uses as a sustainable source for near zero-carbon power, heat, and hot water.
- Geothermal energy is an abundant, constant, clean renewable energy source that is present naturally underground everywhere on planet earth. It can be accessed via boreholes to provide a reliable, stable, 24/7, zero carbon emission energy baseload for power generation and heating, both for on-grid and off-grid standalone projects.
- Geothermal energy is poised to help resolve global climate issues. It has a very small surface footprint, no direct carbon emissions, and does not consume large amounts of finite mineral resources. Geothermal can also utilize existing energy industry subsurface and engineering skills, infrastructure, technology, and boreholes.

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