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Dear Sirs,

You will no doubt be aware that an international conference will be held 1-4 June in Bonn on Renewable Energy, with a view to increasing international collaboration and securing commitments from range of willing countries and other stakeholders, including the development banks (more info: www.renewables2004.com).

We write at this time both to draw to your attention the consensus document prepared by the coalition: Citizens United for Renewable Energy and Sustainability (CURES), attached, and to get information of DBSA/ AfDB plans with regard to the conference and the implementation of renewable energy in general. In particular we request the following information:

- A list of renewable energy projects that have received finance from the DBSA/ AfDB;
- A breakdown of energy financing by the DBSA/ AfDB, indicating the proportion that has been directed to the various energy technologies, including: oil, gas, coal, large hydropower, landfill gas, biomass, other renewables; we request that this breakdown also differentiates any research activities included;
- Copies of any relevant policies adopted by the DBSA/ AfDB (any policy regarding energy);
- An indication of how the DBSA/ AfDB will be represented at the conference and how the mandate of the representative(s) will be determined;
- Any commitments or undertakings regarding renewable energy that are being considered.

We would also like to know if the DBSA/ AfDB has considered the recommendations of the Extractive Industries Review of the World Bank and to recommend that the DBSA/ AfDB adopt the recommendations of this review into DBSA/ AfDB policy. The review is available in seven volumes at www.eireview.org and we attach the Executive Summary for your convenience. We note that considerable disinformation has been put out through the media to discredit the review and commend for your attention clarifying work undertaken by civil society and available at: www.eireview.info

We intend to share the DBSA/ AfDB response to this request and recommendation with the members of the South African civil society Energy Caucus as well as of the Southern African Climate Action Network. We request acknowledgement of this letter and an indication of when a response, at least an initial or partial response, may be forthcoming.

Yours for a just transition to sustainable energy

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