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Energy efficiency industries call for Heads of State and Government to agree upon a binding energy savings target

Industry leaders of household name companies, all involved in producing and developing products and services to make energy use significantly more efficient, have signed a joint letter to the European Council President Herman Van Rompuy and all national Heads of State and Government pressing them to fully address energy savings in the upcoming European Energy Summit in Brussels on the 4th February 2011.

Europe is almost certain to miss its 2020 energy savings target unless extra effort is made immediately. The most recent estimate (ref) by the European Commission suggests that Europe will only make it half the distance, saving an estimated 9% by 2020 against its own indicative target of 20%.

The letter stresses the need to give energy efficiency priority of place on the list of actions open to Europe under the Energy Strategy 2020 and underlines how important it is that the Summit itself spurs firm action on energy savings measures across Europe.

Current voluntary efforts are failing; a binding commitment to deliver the 20% energy savings target by 2020 is paramount to position the EU as the world leader in the shift to a sustainable, resource-efficient economy.

Tony Robson, Group CEO of Knauf Insulation said "Our industries are looking to Europe's political leaders for strong commitment and action in this field: making the 20% energy savings target a real policy commitment should, in our view, be a top priority."

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List of signatories to CEO letter on energy efficiency:

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