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COP 15 – AEA’s Robert Bell to present at Carbon Disclosure Project’s side event on ‘Global Reporting’

At the 15th United Nations climate change conference in Copenhagen (COP15), delegates from around the globe will come together to try to agree a successor to the Kyoto Protocol, which comes to an end in 2012. During the discussions, Robert Bell, AEA’s Chief Technical Officer, will be joined by an expert panel of speakers at a special side event, hosted by the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), at which the topic of global reporting systems will be debated.

With private sector companies subject to increasing and disparate international climate change reporting requirements, the CDP event, sponsored by AEA, will interest both corporate and policy leaders. It will address the challenges that businesses face with the varying reporting requirements and provide thought-leadership on how these reporting systems might be standardised to achieve the internationally comparable data required by investors and other stakeholders.

A key issue for the future of corporate reporting is the cost of collecting, interpreting and reporting sustainability indicators, not only nationally but also sectorally and internationally. The alignment of corporate reporting mechanisms, whether regulatory or voluntary, with standards for national and international reporting by nations is a key step forward in reducing these costs. AEA’s Robert Bell will address this issue with reference to greenhouse gases, wider corporate reporting needs, such as air quality, and the regulatory regimes in force on different continents.

Robert Bell will be joined by a panel of internationally respected speakers from the US and Japanese governments, and the Chicago Climate Exchange. The event takes place in Copenhagen’s Crown Plaza Hotel at 1300 on 15 December.

Delegates attending COP15 and interested in this event, or indeed, the wider work AEA is doing to support negotiations in Copenhagen should contact andrew.leahy@aeat.co.uk.

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