



Tuesday, 12th May, 2009

Mr. Janez Potocnik
European Commission
Commissioner for Science and Research

Dear Mr Potocnik,

I, Juan Manuel Mieres, President of the E2B A (Energy Efficient Buildings Association), on behalf of the 104 members of the Association, would like to thank you for the excellent and productive meeting which was held in Brussels on March, 30th.

I strongly believe that this meeting and the consequent Joint Statement between the European Commission and the Industry have been of great benefit for setting up the base for defining a common strategy to create the most convenient industry-lead scenario to maximize the impact of financial countermeasures approved in the European Economic Recovery Plan launched by the European Commission in November 2008.

The Construction Industry is fully committed to combine the short-term measures with longer-term investments in research and development to increase the competitiveness of the construction industry and in turn supporting Europe to move forward toward a low-carbon and knowledge-based economy.

The first steps have been taken to implement the E2B PPP through the creation of the Ad Hoc Industrial Advisory Group and the launching of the first dedicated calls that will be published in July, which could allow the first projects under the PPPs to start in spring of 2010.

We remain at your full disposal to progress on the next steps that must be undertaken to effectively implement a PPP relationship between the European Commission and the Construction Industry and to meet at your earliest convenience for continuing on the definition of this PPP implementation.

Yours sincerely,

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