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Dialogue for de-blocking investments in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy projects in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova

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The Round-table “Investments in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources in Eastern Europe” taking place on 10-11 March 2011 in Kiev will provide a unique forum for dialogue among lenders, project sponsors and authorities on how to de-block investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. The round-table is co-organised by the EU-funded INOGATE Project “Support to Energy Market Integration and Sustainable Energy in the NIS” (SEMISE) and the Ukrainian League of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs.

An honest and open dialogue is needed between project sponsors (often industry), on the one hand, who consider their projects interesting and profitable, while, on the other hand, lenders tend to see many projects poorly prepared according to their requirements and thus they consider them too risky for support. Therefore, the objective of the round-table is to present the opportunities, barriers and challenges to investments in these types of energy projects as seen through the different points of views – lenders, projects sponsors and authorities – with a view to removing misunderstandings and creating the grounds for better cooperation that addresses each other’s needs.

Key note speakers include:

- Mr. Hans Rhein, First Secretary, Head of Operation for Energy, Transport and Environment, Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine
- Mr. Anatoliy Kirillovich Kinakh, President, Ukrainian League of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs
- Mr. Vasily Bogatyry, General Director, CJSC "UkrESCO" - Ukraine
- Ms. Natalia Karunos, Information and Analysis Department Deputy Head, Energy Efficiency Department of the State Committee for Standardization - Republic of Belarus
- Ms. Galina Parsian, INOGATE Country Coordinator, Thermal Power Department Head, Ministry of Economy, Republic of Moldova
- Mr. Vladimir Nistyuk, Executive Director, Renewable Energy Association - Republic of Belarus
- Ms. Elena Rybak, Director, European-Ukrainian Energy Agency - Ukraine
- Ms. Maria Malaya, Deputy Chairman, National Agency for Efficient Use of Energy Resources - Ukraine

Participating in the round-table are representatives of business, industry, finance and authorities from Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova.

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