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Lamp manufacturers around the world join forces to support the G8 in the promotion of energy efficient lighting

Japan - 4 July 2008. At the eve of the G8 summit on climate change, lamp manufacturers from around the world¹ have gathered to launch their global cooperation programme on climate change prevention, energy efficiency and CO₂ emissions reduction.

Representatives from these associations agreed to promote energy efficiency with governments and consumers thereby contributing to tackle the impact of climate change.

In line with the upcoming G8 recommendations, the lighting industry is working actively with government officials, local authorities and NGOs to increase the use of energy efficient lighting in commercial buildings and streets.

This project complements the industry's action to encourage the use of energy efficient lighting in homes. If all cost-effective lighting energy-efficiency measures are implemented globally from this year onwards, by 2030 we could reduce lighting energy consumption by 38%, and thereby save 16.6 giga tonnes of CO₂ emissions and 1.6 trillion dollars in total costs.

Commenting on the meeting outcome ELC Board President Mr Jan Denneman stated: "Lamp industry associations support the G8 initiatives to reduce the impact of climate change through energy efficient lighting. We have been active in a number of regional initiatives around the world. Switching to energy efficient light sources is the most visible contribution to reducing CO₂ emissions."

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Aura Light AB, BLV Licht- und Vakuumtechnik GmbH, G.E. Lighting Europe Ltd, Havells Sylvania, Narva Lichtquellen GmbH, OSRAM GmbH and Philips Lighting BV.*

¹ ELC: European Lamp Companies Federation (www.elcfed.org), JELMA: Japanese Electric Lamp Manufacturers Association (<http://www.jelma.or.jp/>), NEMA: American National Electric Manufacturers Association (<http://www.nema.org/prod/lighting/>), Chinese Lighting Association (www.chineselighting.org), Australian Lighting Council (www.alia.com.au), ELCOMA: Indian association of Electrical Lighting Manufacturers (<http://www.elcomaindia.com>)