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ICCP Welcomes Climate Policy Dialogue

Arlington, VA - The International Climate Change Partnership (ICCP) commented today on the call by the U.S. Climate Action Partnership (USCAP) for a mandatory federal program on greenhouse gas limits. "We welcome the dialogue stimulated by this announcement," said ICCP Chair Stephen Harper, who is the Global Director of Environmental Affairs and Energy Policy for Intel Corporation. "The proliferation of state and local climate regulatory initiatives has the potential to substantially disrupt the national market for goods and services, and produce uneven effects in energy markets. It is time to consider whether some Federal initiative can reduce the downside economic impacts of the proliferation of these programs."

ICCP is a coalition of companies and trade associations committed to responsible participation in the global climate policy dialogue. Many ICCP members have already initiated significant emissions reduction programs, and most of these companies who also operate outside the United States have facilities that will be covered by the Kyoto Protocol, the international treaty adopted in 1997 to begin limiting greenhouse gas emissions in the developed world.

Harper noted that the USCAP proposal appears to be closely aligned with the ICCP policy principles. Since 1996 ICCP has urged that climate policy should be effectively dealt with on a global basis including developed and developing countries, be based on identification of a technology-based long-term objective, utilize the "basket of gases" approach, provide credit for early action and protection of industrial baselines, and rely on flexible market mechanisms.

"Numerous proposals have already been put forth on climate policy for consideration by the 110th Congress, and organizational work by Congressional leaders has clearly indicated that climate policy will be a major focus for discussion in the next two years," added Harper. "We look forward to working with elected Congressional representatives, the Administration, and other business and environment organizations on the best policy formulation that produces a balanced environmental and economic approach for the United States, and that also fits in with ongoing international policy implementation. The USCAP proposal will play a large part in these discussions."

The International Climate Change Partnership (ICCP), organized in 1991, is a global coalition of companies and trade associations from diverse industries committed to constructive and responsible participation in the international policy process concerning global climate change. The ICCP recognizes that the continued growth in emissions of greenhouse gases is an important concern for all nations and that efforts are underway internationally and in national governments to develop policies that address this concern. ICCP also understands the importance of working within the process to achieve important environmental objectives while fostering continued economic development and improvement in living conditions for all. ICCP Members include 3M Company, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute, Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy, Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers, Association of International Automobile Manufacturers, Arkema, Boeing, Carrier, CH2M Hill, Dow Chemical, DuPont, General Electric, General Motors, Honeywell, Intel Corporation, Japan Fluorocarbon Manufacturers Association, Natsource, United Technologies, and York International.

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