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### **Increased RHI tariffs for GSHP installations**

The GSHPA welcomes the proposed increases in GSHP tariffs as set out in DECC's Renewable Heat Incentive Early Tariff Review on non-domestic installations.

A doubling of the small tariff and a tripling of the large tariff is what the Ground Source sector requires to get back on track.

Because GSHPs can perform at all scales to provide space and hot water heating in a variety of different building categories; they can make a significant contribution to the 2020 renewable energy target. Ground Source Energy is an important part of the future supply of energy for the UK.

These increased tariffs will address the current low levels of GSHP deployment and they will provide the industry with the opportunity to grow the market significantly and implement the associated economies of scale.

The Association is also pleased with the increased level of the Value for Money cap. Whilst recognising that budgets always have limits, it is important to implement a broad range of both heat and electrical technologies and this review recognises both budget limits and the importance of incentivising technologies that make a material difference.

Finally, the Association welcomes the intention to pay out on all renewable heat produced by GSHPs. We will continue to work closely with DECC to develop the appropriate formula so that this policy can be implemented in full. The GSHPA is enthusiastic about the work covered so far with DECC officials on the new tariff levels, the Value for Money cap and paying out on all renewable heat produced and we now expect to see a restoration of growth in GSHP installations.

Simon Lomax, GSHPA Chairman, said "this is great news for the industry and the country; significantly increased tariffs are just the boost the ground source sector needs. With these changes, we expect to see growth in ground source installations and the supply of much greater levels of renewable heat in Britain."

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## **Editor Notes**

DECC statement URL: [www.gov.uk/government/news/new-tariffs-for-world-first-renewable-heat-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-tariffs-for-world-first-renewable-heat-scheme)

GSHPA summar URL: [www.gshp.org.uk/RHI\\_Commercial.html](http://www.gshp.org.uk/RHI_Commercial.html)

Ground source heat pumps are a proven technology widely used in Europe & North America and one of the few renewable energy solutions that is available to nearly every type of building in the UK. It has the potential to significantly reduce the country's heating bills whilst also contributing to the achievement of the government's renewable energy and carbon reduction targets. It is a technology that can create thousands of new, skilled jobs. Ground source heat pumps are a fundamental part of the government's long term energy strategy.

### **Ground Source Heat Pump Association**

The Ground Source Heat Pump Association (GSHPA) aims to encourage the growth and development of the ground source heat pump industry in the UK and help to set and safeguard standards. For more information about the GSHPA visit [www.gshp.org.uk](http://www.gshp.org.uk).

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