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Press Release

Commission President Barroso Briefed on Future Orientation of European Lighting Industry



Dietmar Zembrot, LightingEurope President, handing the policy document on the future orientation of the European lighting market to José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, on Friday, 21st June.

Arnsberg, Germany -- LightingEurope President Dietmar Zembrot submitted a briefing to European Commission President José Manuel Barroso regarding the future orientation of the European lighting market.

Lighting accounts for approximately 14% of the electrical energy used in Europe. Significant improvements on the energy performance of lighting have been achieved already, as light sources are now fully regulated by the European Ecodesign legislation, setting minimum performance requirements for all product groups. The European lighting industry has actively and trustfully accompanied the respective legislative initiatives, proposed by the European Commission and adopted by the Member States, and recognizes fully their positive impact on making the member states of the European community carbon neutral.

It would be a shortfall, however, to judge the innovative potential of lighting solely from an energy efficiency perspective. Especially given the socio-economic challenges Europe is already facing, and will increasingly face in the future, European policy makers are called upon to foster a policy of phasing in new and innovative products, systems, and services to the European lighting market. Through remarkable innovations in smart

lighting and biologically efficient illumination, the European lighting industry is poised to meet these challenges and opportunities.

In his reply to Mr. Zembrot, President Barroso underlined the importance and leading role of the European lighting industry as a highly innovative industry branch.

LightingEurope is an industry association representing 31 leading European lighting manufacturers and national lighting associations. LightingEurope members employ over 100,000 people in Europe and represent an annual turnover estimated to exceed 20 billion euros. LightingEurope is dedicated to promoting efficient lighting practices for the benefit of the global environment, human comfort, and the health and safety of consumers.

The full content of the briefing document is available at: www.lightingeurope.org.

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