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### **MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC JOINS RESIDENTIAL HEAT EXHIBITION IN PARLIAMENT**

Mitsubishi Electric is joining the Micropower Council at a special low carbon residential heat exhibition in Portcullis House, the House of Commons on the 11<sup>th</sup> June to demonstrate to Government the important role that heat pumps can play in decarbonising the nation's housing stock.

The exhibition, which is being arranged in collaboration with PRASEG (the Parliamentary Renewable and Sustainable Energy Group), will showcase the latest technologies used to produce low-carbon heat such as fuel cells, micro CHP, biomass and solar thermal, in addition to Mitsubishi Electric's market-leading Ecodan® air source heat pumps.

The purpose of the exhibition is to raise the profile of all of these technologies amongst Parliamentarians and highlight the opportunity for the sector to move beyond reliance on gas boilers, ahead of the launch of the consultation on the residential Renewable Heat Incentive, and in the middle of the policy development process for the revisions to Part L of the Building Regulations.

"The Government will need to develop a portfolio of these technologies in order to roll out the use of low carbon heat through the 2020s to cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, reduce bills and help alleviate fuel poverty," explains John Kellett, General Manager of the company's Domestic Heating Division.

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“We know just how scalable air source heat pumps are and we know that we have the manufacturing capabilities in this country and the installation base to match demand, so we need to ensure that this is acknowledged by our policy makers in advance of new incentives and legislation,” he adds.

At the moment, fewer than 15,000 domestic heat pumps are currently installed each year, yet the Government has already recognised the important role the technology can play in reducing carbon emissions in its Carbon Plan and Heat Strategy.

“Domestic heat pumps have now proved that they can deliver reductions in both CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and running costs for consumers and we need Government to develop the long-term strategy and policy framework that helps encourage more take up,” adds Kellett.

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