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ETB WELCOMES LORD MANDELSON'S ENDORSEMENT OF ENGINEERING

The Engineering and Technology Board (ETB) today welcomed the interest that Business Secretary Lord Mandelson expressed in engineering, and affirmed that engineering has a vital role to play in the future of the UK economy and society.

In his speech to the CBI yesterday Lord Mandelson said: "Industry today is not about mills and smokestacks. It is about the next industrial revolution and the low-carbon or post-carbon technologies that will define the 21st century. If you really want to change the world, choose a career in engineering."

Dr John Morton, Chief Executive of the ETB welcomed these statements, and commented:

"We are pleased to see this recognition by the government of the vital role of engineers and engineering to the UK economy and society. In order to overcome the policy challenges that we are facing in terms of energy, climate change, transport, security and productivity it is essential that we are able to innovate and apply new technologies. In order to do so we need people with the right skills and training. Engineers and engineering are right at the centre of the UK's future."

The ETB are involved in a number of projects to promote engineering as a career including the Engineers Make It Happen Campaign, to encourage more people to complete their studies in Further Education, and The Big Bang, the UK's first national fair celebrating young people's achievements in science and engineering.

Notes to Editors

1) The Engineering and Technology Board (ETB) is an independent organisation that promotes the vital role of engineers, engineering and technology in our society. The ETB partners business and industry, government and the wider STEM community: producing evidence on the state of engineering, and inspiring young people to choose a career in engineering, matching employers' demand for skills. For more information about the ETB please visit www.etechnology.co.uk.

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