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To the
Members of the CAFE Steering Group

CAFE workshop on the Second Particulate Matter Position Paper

During the CAFE Steering Group meeting on 17 February it was officially announced that the CAFE Working Group (WG) on Particulate Matter (PM) will hold a workshop. This event will take place in **Stockholm on 20 and 21 October 2003**.

The main purpose of this workshop is to present the new draft position paper on particulate matter. The workshop will be divided in sessions concerning specific parts of the position paper. Much of the time in each session will be allocated for open discussion with workshop participants. There will be a number of invited speakers to complement presentations given by members of the WG.

This workshop will be an informal stakeholders consultation, therefore addressing in the first place potential participants from Member States, Accession Countries, and other stakeholders represented in the CAFE SG with technical expertise but also political understanding.

A draft version of the position paper will be forwarded to the participants in advance of the workshop to facilitate the discussion.

To support the discussion participants are invited to offer short prepared comments (max. 3 minutes) accompanied by 1-2 overhead transparencies if appropriate. These comments should be focussed on issues raised in the draft position paper. Any offered contribution should be sent to the workshop organiser (Ankia@itm.su.se) at least one week in advance of the workshop. Due to time constraints and to be sure to leave enough time for the open discussion only a limited number of 'prepared comments' can be presented. There will of course also be time to make ad hoc comments during the discussion periods.

For a well-balanced audience and to facilitate a fruitful discussion and 'workshop atmosphere', the number of participants needs to be limited. Consequently we propose that any one stakeholder should be represented by no more than two people (for Industry and green NGO's we propose five from each). The receiver of this announcement should ensure that their country/stakeholder is properly represented at the workshop.

The workshop is being organised by the University of Stockholm and funded by the Nordic Ministers Council, the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency and the

Swedish ASTA-program (International and National Abatement Strategies for Transboundary Air Pollution, a MISTRA programme for support of Swedish international air pollution policy).

For organisational information please refer to the letter of the organiser attached to the e-mail. Please send your application not later than **22 September 2003**.

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