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Dear Commissioner,

We are writing on behalf of the geothermal industry in France and Europe, in order to invite you to join the European Geothermal Congress, which will be held in Strasbourg, France, 19-24th September 2016.

Every three years, the entire geothermal community, including academics, manufacturers, project developers, financiers, utilities, and policy makers, join together in order to examine the current state of geothermal energy in Europe and examine the role it can play in our future energy system. It is a unique opportunity to meet the leaders of this quickly developing industry which has the potential to deliver clean and secure heat and power across Europe. More information can be found online at www.europeangeothermalcongress.eu.

As the main architect of the upcoming revision of the EU energy and climate framework, your presence has been particularly requested. Geothermal energy, as a local, stable, and renewable energy source, could help the Energy Union to meet its goals, including in terms of security of supply, competitiveness, affordability, and sustainability. However, only a small share of its potential has been used so far in the EU. Increasing the use of geothermal energy and strengthening the geothermal industrial sector will also support the EU in remaining number one in renewables.

This is why we would be honoured if you could deliver a keynote speech about how the revised legal framework for renewable energy and energy efficiency can contribute to the further development of geothermal electricity, and heating and cooling. Your speech would take place in the opening session of the congress on Tuesday, 20th September 2016 in the morning. We would be very grateful for some feedback on this proposition, and in the case you are unable to attend, we would welcome some indication of an alternative representative which you feel would be well placed to contribute.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your notable commitment to supporting the further development of renewable energy and to coordinating the Commission's efforts to reach the EU climate and energy targets for 2020 and 2030. In this respect, a strong sectorial legislation, including for supporting renewable electricity and heating and cooling, will be instrumental for the development of the sector in the next years.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

