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Dear Colleagues:

It gives me great pleasure to serve as Chairman of the CSLF Policy Group. In my previous position as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oil and Gas of the U.S. Department of Energy, I participated in CSLF activities and managed activities within the Department related to geologic storage of carbon dioxide. I saw first hand the significant contributions that the CSLF is making for all its Members. I am enthusiastically looking forward to the CSLF meetings in Cape Town.

The opening paragraph of the CSLF charter states that: "The CSLF will seek to realize the promise of carbon capture and storage (CCS) over the coming decades, making it commercially competitive and environmentally safe." A great deal has been achieved to realize that vision since the inception of the CSLF. Research and development has expanded greatly; institutional barriers are being addressed; and, CCS is becoming increasingly visible around the globe. Much of that has been facilitated by the work of the CSLF.

In December, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was awarded a share of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. Several current and former CSLF delegates are among those who contributed to the IPCC, most notably its "Special Report on Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage." These individuals are Makoto Akai, Stefan Bachu, John Bradshaw, Peter Cook, Jürgen-Friedrich Hake, Howard Herzog, Paulo Rocha, Kelly Thambimuthu and Tore Torp. I would like to extend my congratulations to each of them and to the other IPCC contributors who have participated in CSLF activities.

The CSLF has many important activities underway. We will hear about all of those during the meetings in Cape Town. I would like to take special notice, however, of an important milestone. Two of the projects recognized by the CSLF have now been completed, China CBM Technology/CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration Project and CO2STORE. Both have contributed significantly to our ability to realize our shared vision. As other CSLF-recognized projects move towards completion, they too are making major contributions.

I firmly believe that focused international collaboration by the CSLF will ensure that the promise of CCS will be realized for the benefit of the whole world. To work toward realizing that promise, we will have to accomplish much during our meeting in Cape Town. We need to ensure that the CSLF strategic plan is effectively implemented; judge new projects proposed for recognition; review and make decisions about the vital work of CSLF Task Forces; and discuss a CSLF Ministerial meeting in 2009. I am confident our Cape Town meetings will move us all forward.

I would like to thank South Africa for hosting these meetings and Saudi Arabia for hosting what I hear was an excellent Technical Group meeting in January. I greatly look forward to working with you and meeting you personally in Cape Town.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Slutz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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