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Subject: Call for Abstract for the Conference on Solar Salt & Biodiversity

Dear

EuSalt, the European Salt Producers Association organizes in cooperation with CEISSA (Conference on the Ecological Importance of Solar Saltworks) a conference on Solar Salt & Biodiversity. The conference will take place in the Gran Melia Colon Hotel in Sevilla on Wednesday May 23rd 2012. The conference will be preceded by a visit of a salt works on Tuesday May 22nd 2012.

The European Biodiversity strategy to 2020 aims at reversing biodiversity loss and speeding up the EU's transition towards a resource efficient and green economy. In the light of this European 2020 biodiversity strategy EuSalt contributes to the development of the policies especially to relate solar salt works as active contributor to reverse biodiversity loss and as an important ecosystem contributing to the ecology and biodiversity of the region. In this respect the ultimate goal would be to have solar salt recognized for their role in preserving the habitat of the marine and regional flora and fauna and so contributing to an overall strategy in which they are regarded as constructed ecosystem fitting equally as natural wetlands in the strategy to reverse biodiversity loss.

The aim of the conference is to find a mutual and coherent platform between the scientific world and the European decision makers and stakeholders. Therefore we invite academics, European and National Institutions and agencies to present papers that would contribute to the discussion on the future developments and possibilities regarding the salt works and their environmental added value.

We would like to receive papers on one of the following areas:

- Structure and Function of Solar Saltworks Ecosystem
- Solar Saltworks Physical & Biological Processes
- Avifauna and Flora of Solar Saltworks
- Solar Saltworks' Biodiversity
- Ecotourism and Environmental Education
- Solar Saltworks as buffers for Pollution Control and Water Treatment
- Solar Saltworks' Sustainability

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The papers will be elaborated upon by a scientific committee in order to guarantee the professional and scientific level of the presentations and its relevance to the goal of the conference. A publication will be provided after the conference of those papers that have been retained by the scientific committee. With such a decision process we assure that the presentations will contribute to the discussions on the topic of the conference.

In light of your expertise in these above mentioned topics we would be honoured if you could elaborate on the introduction of such a paper and the possibility to present at the conference if the paper has been accepted by the committee. In order to provide such an elaboration on the papers we kindly invite you to provide us with a summary of the abstract, introducing the topic of your paper. Due to the practical organisation we kindly ask you to send us this summary of the abstract before October 25th 2011.

The decisions of the committee will be communicated by begin November and you will receive, if retained, the official invitation as speaker. Speakers will be invited by EuSalt covering their transport, accommodation and participants fee, according to the guidelines as set by the organizing committee.

Looking forward to your contribution

Kind regards

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