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### UK Air Quality The Role of Compressed Natural Gas

According to recent government documents the UK is set to miss air quality targets imposed by the European Commission. The targets, already extended from 2010 to 2015, are now not likely to be met until 2025 which could result in infringement action just months before the London 2012 Olympics.

The UK Environmental Audit Committee issued a request for written evidence for its inquiry into air quality in the UK ahead of its proposals submission to the EC in September. CNG Services submitted a paper by way of response to the particular question of what is the most effective way of reducing particulate and NO<sub>2</sub> pollution. The key points of this paper are outlined below:

1. Natural gas as a vehicle fuel provides significant benefits in terms of local air quality and is the fuel of choice in cities with air quality problems such as Los Angeles, Rome and Delhi
2. The use of natural gas (stored on vehicles in compressed or liquid form) in commercial vehicles and buses will reduce the level of imported oil by 2020 which is good for security of supply and diversity
3. Whilst the gas will be imported, its cost on an energy basis is around 50% of that of oil

A number of other countries are already introducing natural gas vehicles with around 13 million worldwide and the UK commercial vehicle sector should follow this path to deliver the prize of lower fuel costs and lower emissions with no adverse 'food versus fuel' impact.

John Baldwin, MD of CNG Services Ltd said, *"Much of the world is introducing natural gas vehicles and it is an appropriate time for the Government to review the benefits of natural gas in relation to air quality, jobs, investment and security of supply."*

The paper is available to download on the CNG Services website via the following link:

<http://www.cngservices.co.uk/cng-services-ltd-response-to-air-quality-inquiry/>

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#### About CNG Services Ltd

CNG Services Ltd ("CSL") supports the development of CNG and LNG as vehicle fuels in the UK with a range of services including:

- Feasibility studies in relation to CNG and LNG fuelled vehicles and infrastructure
- Independent 'Owners Engineer' service
- CNG and LNG virtual pipelines
- Production and use of biomethane as a vehicle fuel.

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