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LAPFF Welcomes BP Board Decision on AGM Climate Vote

London: The Local Authority Pension Fund Forum ([LAPFF](#)) has welcomed the decision by the BP Board to recommend support at its May 16th AGM for a resolution filed by an international group of institutional investors.

Faith based investors, charities and LAPFF member funds backed by pension schemes and asset managers from the US, Canada, Australia and Scandinavia [combined](#) to co-file the resolution.

The [resolution](#) '*Strategic Resilience for 2035 And Beyond*' calls for ongoing disclosures on:

- Ongoing operational emissions management;
- Asset portfolio resilience to the International Energy Agency's (IEA) scenarios;
- Low-carbon energy research and development (R&D) and investment strategies;
- Relevant strategic key performance indicators (KPIs) and executive incentives;
- And public policy positions relating to climate change.

'This is an example of long term asset owners having a positive impact on business decisions,' LAPFF Chair Kieran Quinn said.

'The move by the BP Board to support such a shareholder-based resolution at their AGM signifies the maturity of the LAPFF approach to corporate engagement and governance and a similar mature recognition by the company that institutional investor voices must be heard.'

'The Forum has long been concerned about climate related risks to our underlying investments. In 2012, we partnered with the CCLA, faith based investor groups and asset managers to bring about best practice on climate and carbon risk disclosure amongst the highest emitters in the FTSE100 Index.

'[Shell](#) and now BP have signalled to investors they are now moving towards this goal. A higher bar is being set for other global energy companies on strategic risk, transparency and disclosure.

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About the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum:

The Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF), formed in 1991, is a voluntary association of 60 public sector pension funds based in the UK with combined assets of approximately £120 billion. It exists to “promote the long-term investment interests of local authority pension funds, and to maximise their influence as shareholders to promote corporate responsibility and high standards of corporate governance amongst the companies in which they invest.” PIRC is the Research and Engagement partner to the Forum. www.lapfforum.org

BP: April 2015 AGM

Special resolution – strategic resilience for 2035 and beyond

That in order to address our interest in the longer term success of the Company, given the recognised risks and opportunities associated with climate change, we as shareholders of the Company direct that routine annual reporting from 2016 includes further information about: ongoing operational emissions management; asset portfolio resilience to the International Energy Agency's (IEA's) scenarios; low-carbon energy research and development (R&D) and investment strategies; relevant strategic key performance indicators (KPIs) and executive incentives; and public policy positions relating to climate change. This additional ongoing annual reporting could build on the disclosures already made to CDP (formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project) and/or those already made within the Company's Energy Outlook, Sustainability Review and Annual Report.

About the Aiming For 'A' Investor Coalition

'Aiming for A' was launched by CCLA in 2012. CIG members involved are: the **Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church**, the **Church of England National Investing Bodies**, and the **Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust**. The other two partners are the **Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF)** and **Rathbone Greenbank Investments**.

The **'A'** within **'Aiming for A'** refers to the best A-E CDP (formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project) Performance Band. Within the performance banding methodology considerable weight is given to operational emissions management, alongside strategic and governance issues like those covered in the resolutions. All ten companies the **'Aiming for A'** coalition is engaging with have now (2014) reached A (2), A- (1) or B (7).