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The Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) today announced the opening of registration for its non-competitive auctions, under the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS). The EU ETS is one of the key policies introduced by the European Union to help meet the EU's greenhouse gas emissions reduction target of 8% below 1990 levels under the Kyoto Protocol. Installations covered by the EU ETS are required to monitor and report their emissions. At the end of each year they are required to surrender EU allowances (EUAs) equal to the amount of their installations' actual emissions. They may use all or part of their free allocation for this, buy additional allowances or to sell any surplus allowances generated from reducing their emissions below their allocation.

The UK's non-competitive auction, which is open to any installation in the EU ETS that holds a greenhouse gas permit, facilitates the purchase of allowances in an easy to manage, online account. Computershare, a global expert in share registration and public sector services, is the Administrator for the UK's non-competitive auctions.

In order to participate, firms will need to register with Computershare at [www.computershare.com/ets](http://www.computershare.com/ets). Once registered, companies will be eligible to bid for allowances through the non-competitive auction process. Notification of up-coming auctions with a non-competitive element will be automatically sent to registered users. The first auction with a non-competitive element will be 7th January 2010.

Kevin Firth, Director of Business Services for Computershare said: "We are delighted to be partnering with DECC in delivering the UK's non-competitive auctions under the EU ETS. This contract further enhances our public sector service portfolio and underlines Computershare's commitment to global environmental initiatives."

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