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VIPA regrets EU negotiators agreement on energy efficiency

(BRUSSELS, 21 June 2018) VIPA International is disappointed by the agreement that negotiators from the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council of the EU reached on 19 June regarding new rules for improving energy efficiency in Europe.

The new regulatory framework includes a non-binding energy efficiency target for the EU for 2030 of just 32.5%, with an upwards revision clause by 2023. VIPA International regrets that negotiators could only agree on a non-binding indicative goal and believes that this target is insufficient to meet the obligations set under the Paris Agreement in 2015. This deal risks sending the wrong message to the market and to national governments and showing a lack of commitment to the energy efficiency first principle and to the need to decarbonize our economy.

The Vacuum Insulation Panels industry continuously invests and develops new solutions and technologies to reduce energy consumption. Vacuum insulation panels (VIPs) represent an optimum solution in this sense, offering best-in-class insulation solutions to reduce the energy consumption of buildings and appliances. In this context, VIPA International regrets the EU negotiators' low level of ambition to boost new technologies.

Gregor Erbenich, President of VIPA International, said: *"We are very disappointed by the low level ambition of the revised Energy Efficiency Directive. Europe has the technology to deliver much higher energy savings: vacuum insulation panels are a super insulation technology, already able to save space and energy consumption in EU buildings. We hope that the 2023 revision clause will be an occasion to raise the target to the 40% level proposed by the European Parliament. We will keep working to deliver advanced solutions to show that a 40% target is achievable"*.

About VIPA International

The Vacuum Insulation Panel Association (VIPA International) is a global trade association representing the interests of manufacturers of vacuum insulation panels as well as supply chain. The mission of the association is to act as the global voice of the vacuum insulation panel industry, promote quality and raise awareness of the potential to save space and energy costs and to reduce carbon dioxide emissions in a wide range of applications and industries.