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Peter Thomson is Director of the Sustainable Development Department of the Europe and Central Asia Region of the World Bank. He is responsible for the Bank's activities in energy, transportation, water and sanitation, agriculture, rural and urban development, environment and social development in the 29 countries of Eastern Europe and the CIS that make up the Europe and Central Asia Region. The portfolio includes over 200 projects under implementation, with associated lending of over US\$10 billion, and over 60 projects under preparation with projected lending amounts in excess of US\$3.5 billion. The Department consists of 209 professional World Bank staff located in 23 countries (as of year-end 2006).

Mr. Thomson joined the Bank in 1997 as a Sector Leader in the Energy Department of the Europe and Central Asia Region. He subsequently became the Energy Sector Manager responsible for the Bank's energy programs in the CIS countries within a merged Infrastructure Department. In July, 2005 he was appointed Director of the Infrastructure Department of the Europe and Central Asia Region. He was appointed to his present position in August 2006 following the World Bank's decision to merge its Infrastructure and Environment and Socially Sustainable Development Networks and Regional Departments.

Prior to joining the Bank, Mr. Thomson worked for 25 years in the private sector primarily with Mobil Corporation where he held a variety of management positions in both the United States and Europe including the positions of Manager of the Corporate Economics Department, President and General manager of the Mobil Companies in Turkey, Vice President, Accounting Finance and Systems for Mobil Europe, Head of Mobil Solar Inc, and Assistant Treasurer for Mobil Corporation.