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## **Media Release – New Zealand Joining the International Partnership for Geothermal Technology**

The New Zealand Geothermal Association (NZGA) is pleased that the government has made the decision to apply to join the International Partnership for Geothermal Technology. There has been interest in the partnership dating from the initial concept and the inaugural meetings to which New Zealand sent observers. These observers representing academia, our research institutes and developers have continued to advocate for membership since those meetings two years ago. The partnership can only be made at Ministerial level so we are pleased that the government is now ready to act.

The IPGT charter states “[The IPGT seeks to realize the promise of geothermal energy by facilitating the accelerated deployment of geothermal technologies at a rate consequential to impact energy security and climate challenges.](#)” Concerns around climate change and energy security are well and truly on the New Zealand public’s minds, along with a growing recognition that geothermal energy can play a part in meeting our energy needs in a clean and sustainable way.

While IPGT has a focus on the next generation of geothermal developments known as “enhanced geothermal systems” (EGS), all of the research areas can have application to improved performance and information from our conventional resources, and from our interest in ‘hotter and deeper’ sources of energy.

The IPGT provides a forum for government and industry leaders to coordinate their efforts and collaborate on projects. Partners share information on research results and best practices to avoid blind alleys, limit unnecessary duplication, and efficiently accelerate the development of geothermal technologies.

The IPGT works on concrete R&D projects in specific areas in order to bring about focused, substantive advances in geothermal technology.

Consultants and developers who have been informed through IPGT cooperation will be at the forefront of geothermal technology.

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