

## **Report highlights rise of green infrastructure investment**

as UN Sustainable Development Conference starts in Rio

**London, 19 June 2012** —Green infrastructure is emerging as an increasingly significant asset class, with opportunities driven by both regulation and changes in supply and demand. This is a key finding of the report “**The Future of Investment: Green Infrastructure**”, published today by the UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association (UKSIF) prior to this week’s UN Conference on Sustainable Development (“Rio+20”).

The report brings together insights from leading UK infrastructure investment specialists drawn from UKSIF’s membership.

As well as renewable power generation, opportunities include waste and water infrastructure and social infrastructure and investors can gain exposure via real assets or companies, the report highlights.

Penny Shepherd MBE, UKSIF Chief Executive said:

“As the world faces the very real challenges of environmental limits and social pressures, these exciting investment approaches may play a key role in restoring trust and confidence in investment and finance. There is increasing recognition among investors that financial returns and sustainability are not opposing forces but instead are mutually reinforcing. Both are needed for long-term economic viability.

The UK is a leading hub for sustainable investment and finance and we are privileged to have many of the leading-edge investment practitioners in this field among our members”.

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## Notes to Editors

### **About the UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association (UKSIF)**

The UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association (UKSIF) supports the UK finance sector to be a global leader in advancing sustainable development through financial services. We promote and support responsible investment and other forms of finance that advance sustainable economic development, enhance quality of life and safeguard the environment. Founded in 1991, UKSIF has over 260 members including pension funds, asset managers, research providers, financial advisers, banks and non-governmental organisations. For more information, visit [www.uksif.org](http://www.uksif.org).

### **About the Report**

‘Green Infrastructure’ is the third in UKSIF’s series of “Future of Investment” Reports which examine new investment trends that are firmly grounded in delivering wealth by creating value for wider society.

It brings together a roundtable of experts to discuss the range of approaches and product offerings that have already been developed as well as identifying trends, challenges and future directions. This third report features industry leaders from:

- Earth Capital Partners LLP
- Equitix
- Impax Asset Management
- Kleinwort Benson Investors

The report is available at [www.uksif.org/greeninfrastructure](http://www.uksif.org/greeninfrastructure).

### **About the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (“Rio+20”)**

The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) marks the 20th anniversary of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in Rio de Janeiro, and the 10th anniversary of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg.

From 20-22 June 2012, world leaders, along with thousands of participants from governments, the private sector, NGOs and other groups, will come together at

the Rio+20 Conference, to shape the global debate on ways to reduce poverty, advance social equity, and ensure environmental protection on an ever more crowded planet. Rio+20 represents a watershed moment for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), given the conference's focus on a more balanced, inclusive, and green economy.

For further details, visit [www.unepfi.org/events/2012/unep\\_fi\\_rio20/index.html](http://www.unepfi.org/events/2012/unep_fi_rio20/index.html)