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THINKING REMAINS GREEN

The lasting effects of the Thinking Green Seminar held just two weeks ago in Gibraltar, with the attendance of Vice President Al Gore and Juan Verde, advisor to President Barack Obama, are already being felt.

The feedback from many of the hundreds who attended the event has been hugely positive. Not only was it a slick and professional presentation, but the content, both of the talks and the trade fair stands were of a very high standard.

Already a number of companies and other entities interested in setting up operations in Gibraltar, have contacted the Department of the Environment, and more are expected to do so. Organisations and businesses with stands were very pleased with the response.

Following the Seminar, Juan Verde met with Cabinet and expressed both admiration for the energy with which HM Government of Gibraltar was working on this front, and support and encouragement for its agenda. Relevant contacts will be pursued that have great potential for benefiting Gibraltar.

The Minister for the Environment, Dr John Cortes, stated, "The work done by the organising team was impressive and the huge success of the event was thanks to them. I have been congratulated by many for having been able to have such prominent and well respected speakers in Gibraltar. The contributions were realistic and visionary at the same time. The reality of Climate Change is no longer in question. It is clearly having an impact even in the US Presidential election. It is now seen to be the most serious crisis facing our planet, and it is right that Gibraltar should lead in setting an agenda that will ensure that its people are aware of the issues and challenges and that its Government is assuming its responsibilities in tackling the issues."

"In my own speech, I called for this to be a matter on which Gibraltar was united and I am pleased at the positive comments about the event that I received at the dinner from the Opposition Members who attended at our invitation."

