World Energy Outlook 2nd Quarter

(Forecast closing date: April 21st 2015)

The Economist Intelligence Unit expects energy demand to increase at a fairly robust average annual rate during the forecast period to 2020, with most growth occurring in developing economies outside the OECD. China, in particular, will continue to provide much of the momentum. As China’s requirements for coal, gas and oil steadily increase over the next ten years, so too will its need for greater volumes of fossil fuel imports. It will retain its role as the largest consumer of energy, followed by the US. However, compared with the previous decade, the rate of Chinese energy consumption growth will moderate. Demand for coal in China is likely to slow considerably, with gas and renewables the major beneficiaries. India, meanwhile, will maintain its position as the third-largest consumer of energy, above Russia, Germany and Japan.

Overall, we forecast that total energy consumption will reach 14,459m tonnes of oil equivalent (mtoe) in 2020, up from 12,702 mtoe in 2014. China’s share of global energy consumption will marginally increase during the forecast period, to 24% by 2020 from 23% in 2014, reflecting slower rates of growth than the recent historical norm. In the US, total energy demand will show only incremental growth, reaching 2,329 mtoe in 2020, up only modestly from 2,179 mtoe in 2014. In Germany and Japan, energy consumption will be virtually flat throughout the forecast period.

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