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What's in the press?

- Green Futures: Green innovators face obstacles, HSBC Climate index**
- Ethical Corporation: Ethical leaders, review of 2007**
- The Ecologist: Climate change refugees, corporate organics**



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Carbon management		
Norwegian Statkraft is working on developing clean 'osmotic power', which takes advantage of the different salt concentrations in salt water and freshwater to generate CO2-free energy.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=Mjc0ODE	27 Nov
Energy efficiency is not curbing energy consumption as improvements in energy efficiency result in more of the goods being consumed.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=Mjc00TU	27 Nov
The Carbon Trust has launched a tool to help business understand and reduce its carbon footprint.	http://www.edie.net/news/news_sto ry.asp?id=13832&channel=1	22 Nov
An international carbon offset standard has been launched, providing rigour and transparency to carbon offsetting.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjczNjY	19 Nov
The Climate Change Bill makes the UK the first country to set itself legally binding targets for reducing GHG emissions, with a target of 60 % reduction by 2050.	http://www.edie.net/news/news_sto ry.asp?id=13800&channel=6	16 Nov
Carbon allowances cut by the EU Commission for 2008-2012 to ensure a robust carbon market, with varying reactions from member states.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjY5NjI	29 Oct
Wind power is fast-growing source of renewable energy, with new innovations removing its former limitations.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjY5NjY	23 Oct
Will emissions trading solve climate change? A look at the debate.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjY2NDI	15 Oct
70 % of FTSE 350 companies reported their carbon emissions to the Carbon Disclosure Project this year, compared to 49 % in 2006. At the same time, more and more companies want the figures to be kept confidential.	http://www.edie.net/news/news_sto ry.asp?id=13638&channel=1	11 Oct
A diverse portfolio of clean energy sources will be needed to meet the CO2 reduction targets agreed by EU leaders for 2020. Renewable energies alone are not enough, according to Commission official.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjY1NzM	8 Oct
In a survey of board-level executives from Fortune 1000 companies, half the respondents said they have not taken steps to prepare for the potentially catastrophic effects of climate change on their business.	http://www.greenbiz.com/news/new s_third.cfm?NewsID=35939	20 Sep
Nine companies including Coca-Cola and Cadbury have joined Carbon Trust's scheme to measure, label and reduce the carbon footprint of certain products.	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7002 040.stm	19 Sep
In trying to meet renewable energy targets, lack of transmission lines is a major barrier for electric utilities in the US.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjU5ODM	24 Aug
The UNFCCC estimates a cost of more than \$200bn a year to return to today's level of emissions by 2030.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjU5NTk	23 Aug
Biofuels often require more energy to produce than they contain and methods of growing biofuel crops are often unsustainable.	http://www.ethicalcorp.com/content .asp?ContentID=5298&newsletter=24	7 Aug
Sustainability management in business, CSR		
Nanotechnology developers drafting voluntary code to address concerns about the unpredictable nature of the nanotechnology.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=Mjc00Dc	28 Nov
50 examples of how companies are innovatively greening their business	http://www.fastcompany.com/magaz ine/120/50-ways-to-green-your-	Nov

(and saving money).	business.html	
Procter & Gamble has set itself a sales target of \$ 20 bn in the next five years for environmentally improved products, making it the first consumer products company to set a target for developing and selling greener items.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjcwMDY	29 Oct
Watchdogs have their doubts about Wal-Mart's ethical sourcing efforts, finding them insufficient and ignoring the core issues.	http://www.ethicalcorp.com/content .asp?ContentID=5407&newsletter=24	19 Oct
Industry and government action has resulted in fewer toxic chemicals being released into the environment by big manufacturers in the US and Canada.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjY2OTg	17 Oct
Businesses doing more and more to reduce their environmental impact, alongside a political change towards greater environmental awareness.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjY2MjA	12 Oct
Employees want to work for and are happiest in green, responsible companies.	http://www.socialfunds.com/news/article.cgi/article2389.html	9 Oct
A survey finds many companies are increasing their spending on CSR in spite of a decline in business confidence, reflecting a move from a defensive to a proactive position in CSR.	http://www.socialfunds.com/news/article.cgi/article2375.html	21 Sep
Norsk Hydro takes overall top score in the ninth annual survey of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes by SAM, with 'excellent risk management and compliance systems'.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjYyMzY	12 Sep
Water efficiency is often overlooked by companies, even though it could boost operational, as well as environmental, performance.	http://www.edie.net/news/news_story.asp?id=13483&channel=1	5 Sep
Dutch Clean Clothes Campaign sued for libel by Indian suppliers to jeans brands.	http://www.ethicalcorp.com/content .asp?ContentID=5335&newsletter=24	3 Sep
Businesses are turning their attention to suppliers' environmental credentials, with more than 88% of executives saying that the environmental commitment of suppliers would influence their outsourcing selection process.	http://www.socialfunds.com/news/article.cgi/article2360.html	30 Aug
Investors filed a record 43 climate-related resolutions with US companies during the 2007 proxy season, eg calling for greater disclosure from companies about their response to the climate change issue.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjU4NTc	16 Aug
Environment & climate change		
Environment: looking back at 2007.	http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2007/dec/19/bali.climatechange	19 Dec
Bali meeting involving 190 countries resulted in agreement to negotiate a climate treaty by late 2009, but a lot of work still lies ahead.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=Mjc4MTg	16 Dec
Bali: energy-intensive industries such as cement, steel and aluminum will be required to sign up to pacts on cutting their greenhouse gas emissions.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=Mjc4MDE	14 Dec
Aviation, shipping, overseas trade and tourism have not been included in the official UK carbon figures, undermining the credibility of the figures. Actual carbon consumption in the UK has risen, not fallen.	http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2007/dec/10/carbonemissions.climatechange	10 Dec
16 Asian nations including China and India signed an environmental pact pledging action on climate change, such as developing alternative energy sources; setting a goal to increase forest cover and also promoting the use of nuclear energy.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=Mjc0MjE	21 Nov
Brown warned that the current standard of attempting to cut emissions by 60% by 2050 may not be enough, saying that as much as a 80 % will be needed.	http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2007/nov/20/carbonemissions.renewableenergy	20 Nov
London Councils propose legislation to help ban free disposable plastic bags.	http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2007/nov/13/plasticbags.pollution1	13 Nov
Climate change is potentially the biggest global security threat, with mass migration and its consequences, says Washington think tanks' report.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjcyMjg	5 Nov
The European Environment Agency has released its fourth assessment report on the environment, showing that air pollution, biodiversity loss, poor water quality and the bad condition of seas and inland waters remain problems for the region.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjY2NjQ	11 Oct
World leaders must act now to stop the destruction of our planet, warns UN's fourth Global Environment Outlook report.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjY5OTE	25 Oct
Nearly 200 countries have agreed to accelerate the elimination of HCFCs that threaten the ozone layer and exacerbate global warming, in perhaps the most important breakthrough for years in an international environment negotiation.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjYzNjg	22 Sep
Leading environmental groups have pulled out of a consultation on new nuclear power stations in the UK, saying the consultation was not fair.	http://www.edie.net/news/news_story.asp?id=13519&channel=3	14 Sep
Latest Worldwatch Institute report published, highlighting record-breaking	http://www.worldwatch.org/node/53	13 Sep

consumption of energy and other critical resources and how this is undermining life on the planet.	40	
Caches of methane from the oceans are probably the world's greatest store of fossil fuel -and are seen as a potential source of energy in the future, but one that must be handled carefully.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjYxOTU	6 Sep
Met Office scientists say they have developed a 10 year model to predict how ocean currents and human activities will affect global warming, a more precise tool than those making predictions over a half-century or longer.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjU3MjA	10 Aug
Reporting/Assurance		
Wal-Mart's first Sustainability Report received with mixed responses -but most agree that it's a step in the right direction.	http://www.socialfunds.com/news/article.cgi/2422.html	19 Nov
Sustainability reporting is becoming more common than not among the world's top brands, with 80 percent of the top 15 global brands reporting on sustainability performance, often following GRI guidelines.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjU2Mjg	2 Aug
Sustainability reports focus on the opportunities presented by climate change instead of the risks, according to study by GRI and KPMG. Regulation might be needed to change this.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjU2NDQ	2 Aug
Financial services sector		
Green companies are outperforming other stocks across the globe, with some fearing a bubble.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjY2NjY	16 Oct
The insurance sector (the world's largest economic sector) faces major challenges as the climate changes. By 2050, climate change could cost up to \$300 billion annually in weather-related damages and losses.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjY5NTM	24 Oct
Activist group Rainforest Action Network has launched a campaign against Bank of America and Citi, asking them to stop financing the coal industry and to invest in renewable energy.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjY1NDU	4 Oct
The fifth annual report by the Carbon Disclosure Project shows more carbon reporting from companies and a move from awareness to action on climate change.	http://www.socialfunds.com/news/article.cgi/article2379.html	24 Sep
SRI research predicted the sub-prime crisis long before mainstream rating companies.	http://www.socialfunds.com/news/article.cgi/article2366.html	12 Sep
Food & drink / Tourism & hospitality sectors		
EU fishing quota talks agree cuts in fishing days, but also fishermen getting fishing days back for helping conservation measures. Greenpeace strongly criticises settlement.	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/7151243.stm	19 Dec
Starbucks looking for more ways to support Ethiopian specialty coffee industry.	http://www.csrwire.com/News/10245.html	28 Nov
While environmentalists encourage cutting food miles, development specialists warn this could destroy entire communities in Africa that have become dependent on exporting food.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjcyNTA	7 Nov
Food industry criticises carbon labelling of foods, saying a label focusing solely on the CO2 emissions of food would be misleading.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjcwODc	29 Oct
Sainsbury's and M&S moved up a grade to join Waitrose at the head of the National Consumer Council's annual league table of green food retailers.	http://www.edie.net/news/news_story.asp?id=13648&channel=5	16 Oct
While food miles have recently been the focus of attention, this is only a small part of the complex environmental footprint of food, alongside waste, water use, nitrogen run-off and methane emissions from livestock.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjY2Mjc	12 Oct
Food and drink manufacturers and retailers are finding new sustainable solutions to packaging.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjY2MTk	12 Oct
A booming worldwide tourism industry is contributing to climate change and will also suffer from it as popular destinations become affected by, for example rising temperatures and sea levels.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjYONjI	1 Oct
Cadbury Schweppes plans to halve its total carbon footprint of 1.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide by 2020, making it the first UK food manufacturer promising absolute carbon reduction.	http://www.ethicalcorp.com/content.asp?ContentID=5341&newsletter=24	4 Sep
The sales of organic goods increased significantly in the past year, continuing the trend of year-on-year growth.	http://www.edie.net/news/news_story.asp?id=13476&channel=1	3 Sep
Junk food makers are taking steps to restrict their advertising to children, but more is needed to combat the growing problem of childhood obesity.	http://www.ethicalcorp.com/content.asp?ContentID=5328&newsletter=24	1 Sep
Electronics & ICT		
Despite the Basel Convention, set up to regulate the cross-border movements of hazardous wastes, rich nations continue to dump electronic waste in Africa. HP and Vodafone have launched projects for working on e-	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSe arch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Object Id=MjcyNzk	12 Nov

waste recycling opportunities.		
European Union members have discussed plans to reduce the amount of energy used by appliances left on standby. This could give Europe an annual energy saving equivalent to the electricity used in a year in Hungary.	http://www.edie.net/news/news_story.asp?id=13691&channel=6	25 Oct
Mobile phone usage in Africa has risen explosively, providing business opportunities for diverse service providers and contributing to development on the continent.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSearch/details.asp?type=DocDet&ObjectId=MjY2NjU	16 Oct
Extractive, Metals and Minerals Industries		
Ten years ago, Statoil formed a community development foundation in Akassa, Nigeria, setting an example of successful community investment with effective stakeholder dialogue and community ownership of projects.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSearch/details.asp?type=DocDet&ObjectId=MjcxNTI	31 Oct
The steel industry, one of the world's largest emitters of greenhouse gases, plans to monitor carbon dioxide emissions at steel plants worldwide, but to not publish the results.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSearch/details.asp?type=DocDet&ObjectId=MjcwMjk	25 Oct
Newmont Mining Corporation chosen to be listed on the Dow Jones Sustainability Index-World.	http://www.csrwire.com/PressRelease.php?id=9663	17 Sep
A campaign against UK-based Vedanta Resources in India, accusing the mining company of causing severe damage to the environment and the lifestyle of local tribes, culminates as the Indian Supreme Court rule on the construction's legality.	http://news.independent.co.uk/world/asia/article2838655.ece	6 August
Automotive sector and sustainable mobility		
Most hydrogen today is generated from nonrenewable fossil fuels, but researchers have developed an economically viable method of producing hydrogen gas from biodegradable organic material.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSearch/details.asp?type=DocDet&ObjectId=MjcyOTI	12 Nov
The European Parliament voted that all airlines should join the European Union's emissions trading system in 2011 and that the sector's cap should be set at 90 percent of average emissions from the period 2004-2006.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSearch/details.asp?type=DocDet&ObjectId=MjcyOTQ	13 Nov
Despite pledging to lower cars' carbon emissions in a voluntary agreement, the average emissions from new cars sold by members of the European car makers association fell by only 0.2% in 2006.	http://www.lowcvp.org.uk/news/711/bulletin/	12 Sep
The European Commission new Green Paper on urban mobility lists congestion, environmental issues, transport infrastructures, accessibility and safety as key challenges and proposes options to tackling these.	http://www.eubusiness.com/Transport/urban-mobility.02	27 Sep
The auto industry is undergoing profound transformation, with high oil prices pushing research and development to find alternatives to the internal combustion engine.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSearch/details.asp?type=DocDet&ObjectId=MjYwMTU	29 Aug