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‘BE AMBITIOUS FOR SCOTLAND’ SAY HOUSEBUILDERS

Scotland’s housebuilding industry has called for the new Scottish Parliament to set targets for growth that will give a major boost to the economy. Homes for Scotland, the organisation representing companies that build 95% of new homes built for sale in Scotland, wants to double the number of new homes built each year and has challenged the political parties to commit themselves to this target.

Homes for Scotland Executive Director Bruce Black said “Over the last few years new home completions have been running at around 25,000 per annum. Everyone now recognises that this is quite inadequate for the needs of the people of Scotland. We have now committed ourselves to doubling output to 50,000 per annum within the next 5-10 years.

“But we need active political support from the parties and really ambitious economic growth targets to make this achievable. We will be knocking on the door of the new Scottish Government to discuss with them how we can work together to make new homes more available and consequently more affordable.”

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Notes to the Editor:

1. Homes for Scotland represents the country’s home building industry which:
 - is the largest source of private investment in Scotland
 - contributes £5bn to the economy annually
 - builds 25,000 new homes per annum
 - employs more than 110,000 people
 - is the largest user of the planning system in Scotland