

**Information communicated by the EFTA States regarding State aid granted under the Act referred to in point 1j of Annex XV of the EEA Agreement (Commission Regulation (EC) No 800/2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty — General Block Exemption Regulation)**

(2009/C 259/11)

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| Aid No                                                                         | GBER 10/09/ENV                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                         |                  |
| EFTA State                                                                     | Norway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                         |                  |
| Region                                                                         | Name of the Region (NUTS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Regional aid status                                     |                  |
| Granting authority                                                             | Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | The Norwegian Ministry of Finance                       |                  |
|                                                                                | Address                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Postboks 8008 Dep.<br>NO-0030 Oslo<br>NORWAY            |                  |
|                                                                                | Webpage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | http://www.regjeringen.no/fin                           |                  |
| Title of the aid measure                                                       | Environmental aid — reduced tax rates for certain industries (steam and hot water supply).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                         |                  |
| National legal basis (Reference to the relevant national official publication) | The Parliament's annual decision on the electricity tax, and Provisions 11 December 2001 No 1451 on excise duties paragraph 3-12-5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                         |                  |
| Web link to the full text of the aid measure                                   | <a href="http://websir.lovdato.no/cgi-lex/wiftsok?button=%A0+S%D8K+%A0&amp;emne1=s%E6ravgift&amp;emne2=&amp;emne3=&amp;depa=&amp;avd=&amp;kort=&amp;dato=&amp;para=&amp;ikra=&amp;endret=&amp;endrer=&amp;hjem=&amp;gjel=&amp;publ=&amp;kunn=&amp;trunker=on">http://websir.lovdato.no/cgi-lex/wiftsok?button=%A0+S%D8K+%A0&amp;emne1=s%E6ravgift&amp;emne2=&amp;emne3=&amp;depa=&amp;avd=&amp;kort=&amp;dato=&amp;para=&amp;ikra=&amp;endret=&amp;endrer=&amp;hjem=&amp;gjel=&amp;publ=&amp;kunn=&amp;trunker=on</a> |                                                         |                  |
| Type of measure                                                                | Scheme                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | X                                                       |                  |
| Amendment of an existing aid measure                                           | X                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | EFTA Surveillance Authority aid number: 149/04/COL      |                  |
|                                                                                | Modification                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | X                                                       |                  |
| Duration                                                                       | Scheme                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1.7.2009 to 1.7.2014                                    |                  |
| Type of beneficiary                                                            | SME                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | X                                                       |                  |
|                                                                                | Large enterprises                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | X                                                       |                  |
| Budget                                                                         | Annual overall amount of the budget planned under the scheme                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | NOK 4 million                                           |                  |
| Aid instrument                                                                 | Fiscal measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                         | X                |
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| General Objectives (list)                                                      | Objectives (list)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Maximum aid intensity in % or maximum aid amount in NOK | SME-bonuses in % |
| Aid for Environmental protection (Article 17-25)                               | Aid in the form of reductions in environmental taxes (Article 25)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | NOK 4 million                                           | —                |