



# Foreword



The £750 million Strategic Investment Fund was created at Budget 2009 to invest in the UK's basic capabilities for industrial innovation, job creation and growth in a highly competitive global economy.

In the six months since its creation, the Strategic Investment Fund has committed to investments in a range of emerging industrial strengths in Britain, including low carbon vehicles, wind and wave power and renewable chemicals. It is providing seed capital for a growth fund for high-tech companies and investing in the swift rollout of high speed broadband in the UK.

The Strategic Investment Fund is not about national ownership of companies or direction of industries. Instead it has identified areas where targeted intervention by government can unlock viable technological development or help get good ideas off the drawing board. It is an important part of our commitment to actively preparing Britain's economy for a balanced and sustainable recovery.

This report sets out the principles behind the Strategic Investment Fund and details of the investments that it has committed to in 2009.

**Peter Mandelson**