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CLEAN ENERGY PARTNERSHIP (CEP) AND CALIFORNIA FUEL CELL PARTNERSHIP (CAFCP) ESTABLISH GLOBAL ALLIANCE TO PROMOTE HYDROGEN FUEL

Berlin/West Sacramento, March 2009. Clean Energy Partnership in Germany and California Fuel Cell Partnership in California, USA have established a trans-Atlantic alliance to coordinate projects dedicated to advancing hydrogen vehicle technology.

From Berlin via Hamburg to Los Angeles, the alliance will focus on infrastructure and safety, with plans for comprehensive pooling of expertise to deploy early commercial fuel cell vehicles in 2012. The two organizations will attend the National Hydrogen Association Conference and Hydrogen Expo in Columbia, South Carolina, to celebrate both efforts.

Patrick Schnell, Head of Sustainable Development and New Energies at TOTAL Deutschland GmbH and director of the CEP: "We at the CEP are really excited about this alliance and hope to gain deep insights into the work of our colleagues in the US. Both projects will benefit from sharing new knowledge as it is acquired."

"The shift towards sustainable, clean fuels is a worldwide effort," said CaFCP's Executive Director, Catherine Dunwoody. "Bring fuel cell vehicles to market in Germany and California will help improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and end dependence on oil."

CaFCP is a collaboration of automotive manufacturers, energy providers, government agencies, and technology companies working to promote the commercialization of hydrogen-powered fuel cell vehicles. California leads the world in hydrogen fuel cell vehicle and bus demonstration programs with 250 deployed vehicles and 26 hydrogen stations. CaFCP is currently focused on transitioning from demonstration programs to the early commercial market.

The aim of the Clean Energy Partnership—an alliance of 12 leading companies—is to establish hydrogen as the "fuel of the future." Among the organizations involved in this trailblazing project are major technology, oil and energy players, as well as the majority of German car manufacturers and two leading public transport companies. Members include Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe (BVG), BMW, Daimler, Ford, GM/Opel, Hamburger Hochbahn, Linde, Shell, StatoilHydro, TOTAL, Vattenfall Europe and Volkswagen. Since 2008, the CEP has also been receiving funding from Germany's National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technology Innovation Program (NIP).

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