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EHA Congratulates Industry Members with Breakthrough in Hydrogen Station Investment in Germany

The European Hydrogen Association (EHA) congratulates its members Shell, Air Liquide and The Linde Group in reaching an agreement on an action plan for the construction of a nationwide hydrogen (H₂) refuelling network for fuel cell-powered electric vehicles (FCEV) in Germany. Together with Total, OMV and Daimler, the three will invest € 350 mln. to set up a network of 400 stations by 2023, of which 100 in the coming 4 years.

The announcement comes as the EU is deciding on an ambitious alternative fuel infrastructure objective for 2020 and is the first major public commitment of alternative fuel suppliers that the EU Clean Power for Transport Communication (COM 2013/17) is calling for.

With the first small series' produced FCEV hitting the roads this year in Europe and further roll out by major manufacturers planned in the coming 4 years, the network in Germany will offer an H₂ station at least every 90 kilometres of motorway between densely populated areas and 10 hydrogen refuelling stations in each metropolitan area from 2023.

“The network will bring hydrogen to the front doors of the German public in not only major urban areas but along the main highways as well”, commented EHA president Ian Williamson. “This agreement will offer the blueprint for future deployment in the rest of Europe, but is also calling for EU, national and regional support to ensure that European Small and Medium sized Enterprises, who are key to cement Europe’s leadership position in this sector, are included in the local industrial value chains needed to service the network and to provide the technologies to link the network with local clean energy supply.”

The EHA, and its 21 national hydrogen and fuel cell member associations across Europe, collectively represent over 300 companies and 100 research institutions active in hydrogen and fuel cell technology and system development. The organisation supports the dissemination of many EU-funded projects to facilitate the diffusion of important results and educational material that enables its members to engage key national and local stakeholders, as well as younger generations, in furthering the use of hydrogen as the better technology in Europe’s future energy and transport networks. For more information contact the EHA secretariat at: