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Record Number of international Exhibitors at world's premier Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Group Exhibit

(STARNBERG, GERMANY, March 2004) The Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Group Exhibit today announced that it would be breaking all previous records regarding the number of exhibitors, the amount of floor space and the number of countries represented at this year's HANNOVER FAIR in Germany, April 19-24, 2004.

114 exhibitors and forum participants from 24 countries will cover approximately 1500 square meters of exhibition space this year. These numbers represent a massive increase from the first Group Exhibit at HANNOVER FAIR 95 where 10 companies attended, covering just 144 square meters.

The exponential growth of the number of companies, countries and floor space at the Group Exhibit demonstrates that today, Hydrogen and Fuel Cells (H₂/FC) is a growing and commercially feasible enterprise taking an increasingly important role in the future energy sector.

With an expected 50,000 energy professionals visiting the "Energy" trade show at HANNOVER FAIR this year, the companies making up the Hydrogen and Fuel Cells exhibit are preparing to unveil a broad range of cutting-edge products, technologies and innovations such as fork lift trucks powered by fuel cell systems. Exhibitors will include a wide spectrum of companies from leading start-ups to giant multinationals and research institutions who will exhibit their latest developments, indicate future directions as well as hint at new products currently in the very early stages of development.

According to Arno A. Evers, founder, owner and operator of the annual Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Exhibition, "The amazing growth of the H₂/FC Group Exhibit over the past decade proves that hydrogen and fuel cells are no longer a pipe dream. Today, our international exhibitors represent a growing industry with groundbreaking technologies, feasible solutions and actual products and services. The 114 companies and forum participants exhibiting in 2004 are the real life manifestations of what politicians only talk about. This is the exhibit where words turn into actions!"

Mr. Evers added that "Industry insiders all agree that this is the one and only event that anyone with an interest in hydrogen and fuel cells can't afford to miss. Have a look at our comprehensive internet documentation www.fair-pr.com."

The Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Group Exhibit, now in its tenth year, takes place annually at HANNOVER FAIR's energy trade show. This exhibit is widely regarded as the most important and respected international business platform for the growing H₂/FC industry.

The 114 exhibitors and forum participants will represent branches of the industry including producers of hydrogen, fuel cell components, fuel cell systems (stationary, portable and mobile), peripherals and test systems for fuel cells, hydrogen transportation, storage and infrastructure, reformers, and electrolyzers. Participants will also come from the aircraft industry, research institutions and users of various fuel cell systems.

The HANNOVER FAIR is the world's largest industry and energy fair with over 6,000 exhibitors from 70 nations. Visitors from 120 countries attend the fair annually.

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