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EUROPEAN HYDROGEN ASSOCIATION STARTS NEW PHASE AND STEPS UP ACTIVITIES AND PROFILE LAUNCH OF NEW AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME

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During an Extraordinary Meeting in Brussels, the EHA decided to step up its activities and to launch an ambitious programme for the coming years. The association believes that hydrogen can address major societal issues like global warming, air quality and energy security, whilst enabling innovative products that are attractive to consumers. For the EHA it is important to promote hydrogen in front of policy makers, opinion leaders and the general public. From its Brussels base the association will develop new activities ranging from public awareness campaigns, communicating the benefits of hydrogen based energy systems to decision makers, coordinating activities with national hydrogen associations across Europe, and supporting the efforts of other European and international organisations in the field.

To provide a strong foundation for these activities the EHA has agreed statutory changes to welcome new direct company membership and foster the development of a well-resourced organisation based on a new mission, clear and strong objectives. The first companies to join were: Air Liquide, Air Products, BOC, Norsk Hydro, EHN, and Shell Hydrogen. The EHA will take further action to broaden its membership base.

EHA's new mission is to foster the development of hydrogen technologies and their utilisation in industrial, commercial, and consumer applications and promote the role of hydrogen in the energy field in Europe. With this mission and the new membership structure, the EHA shifts the emphasis from research and development to accelerating deployment of hydrogen in Europe.

"I am extremely pleased for EHA and the national associations across Europe, including in Eastern Europe, with this new development in the EHA. It constitutes an important milestone in the life of our organisation", said Lars Sjunnesson, Chairman of EHA. "With the support of leading companies, redefined statutes and objectives and new leadership, I am strongly convinced that the EHA will become in the near future a key voice for hydrogen related matters in Europe. Any new national association or company is welcome to join and take an active role within the organisation."

About EHA

The European Hydrogen Association is an international association established in Brussels founded in January 2000. Today the organisation brings together as active members six national associations (Association Française de l'Hydrogène, Associazione Italiana Idrogeno e Celle a Combustibile, Norsk Hydrogenforum, Swedish H2 Forum, German Hydrogen and Fuel Cell

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Association and the Spanish Hydrogen Association) and six companies (Air Liquide, Air Products, BOC, Norsk Hydro, EHN, and Shell Hydrogen).

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