

Air Liquide, Daimler and Intelligent Energy elected to lead industry in renewed programme for Fuel Cells and Hydrogen worth €1.3 billion

1 July 2014, Brussels – Members of the European industry association for Fuel Cells and Hydrogen, NEW-IG, have unanimously endorsed Board mandates of Air Liquide, Daimler and Intelligent Energy to lead the group for the next period of two years. In a General Assembly taking place on 30 June 2014 in Brussels, Members recognised the representatives' vital contributions to the success so far and entrusted them with leading the organisation forward.

- Pierre Etienne Franc, Vice-President, Advanced Business & Technologies Network at Air Liquide, was re-confirmed for the third consecutive mandate as Chairman of the Board.
- Dr. Henri Winand, CEO of Intelligent Energy, was re-elected for the third consecutive mandate as Treasurer of NEW-IG.
- Dr. Georg Frank, Senior Manager Fuel Cell Advanced Engineering & Research at Daimler, was newly appointed Board member and Chair of the NEW-IG Transportation Committee.

Together with existing Board members from Siemens, Vattenfall and H2Logic, all six companies will continue representing the industry's interest in the Governing Board of the Fuel Cells Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking, a public-private partnership worth €1.3 billion over the next 7 years. Pierre Etienne Franc, Chairman of the NEW-IG Board, will also continue his role as Chairman of the FCH 2 JU Governing Board.

Commenting on the outcome of the election, Pierre Etienne Franc said: *"I am delighted to have members' trust to continue leading the association forward. We have just successfully confirmed a new generation of the European partnership for Fuel Cells and Hydrogen worth 1.3 billion euro and this will serve to accelerate commercial deployment of these technologies in Europe. Members of NEW-IG will take full advantage of their role as priority-setters of the programme's actions. Today, the association brings together 76 members from 18 countries and we expect the constituency to expand further, reflecting the unique benefits of membership in the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen partnership."*

Under the strategic leadership of the Board, Members of NEW-IG will establish the R&D priorities of the programme. The first call for projects will be launched on 9 July 2014 at a public stakeholder event in Brussels. Officially marking the start of the Fuel Cells Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking as well as five other programmes in selected priority areas, the event will be attended by the President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso along with the Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science Máire Geoghegan-Quinn as well as Commission Vice-Presidents Siim Kallas, responsible for mobility and transport, and Neelie Kroes, responsible for the digital agenda.

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About NEW-IG:

Bringing together 76 companies, New Energy World Industry Grouping (NEW-IG) is the leading European industry association working to accelerate the market-deployment of fuel cells and hydrogen technologies. NEW-IG partners with the European Commission and the research community within the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking. This industry-led public-private partnership supports the research, development and demonstration towards commercial introduction of fuel cells and hydrogen technologies through annual calls. More broadly, NEW-IG is the leading voice of the Industry vis-à-vis the European decision-makers to secure financial and regulatory support for market deployment of fuel cells and hydrogen in Europe. For more information: www.new-ig.eu.

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