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Batteries for Sustainable Energy and Transport

International Industry leaders discuss new energy recovery and storage solutions

Paris, June 2009 – EUROBAT, the European automotive and industrial battery association, has successfully held its annual meeting and Forum, highlighting the substantial role batteries play in the development of sustainable energy and transport practices in Europe and around the world.

High level participants from the member companies, as well as guests from European associations, United States, Japan and China gathered in Paris to discuss the latest technological applications as well as market incentives by government authorities.

With this occasion, EUROBAT launched two brochures containing practical cases of the battery industry contribution to sustainable solutions on the field of energy - applications for renewable energies storage and high performance logistics - and transport -applications for electric and hybrid vehicles as well as advanced technologies for traditional engine vehicles. The battery industry has therefore reiterated its commitment to actively contribute to the development of viable technical solutions in order to combat climate change and reduce greenhouse gases emissions.

EUROBAT Forum speakers and participants actively debated two main topics: the importance of batteries for energy and environment. Speakers included Lewis Fulton of the International Energy Agency, Daniel Fraile Montoro of the European Photovoltaic Industry Association and Jean-Christian Marcel of Tenesol.

EUROBAT also welcomed keynote speaker Rosalinde van der Vlies, Deputy Head of Unit in DG Environment of the European Commission, who presented the next steps for EU waste and resource policies, and emphasised the EU action towards an energy and resource efficient economy, coupled with a global vision and life-cycle thinking.

The final session covered the challenges and opportunities for battery manufacturing in the current global market context. Furthermore, as pan-European platform for energy storage solutions, EUROBAT stated its readiness to continue its dialogue with European and international agencies, institutions and governments in order to stimulate innovation and new battery application areas, efficient renewable energy storage, fuel and energy efficiency, as well as the creation of more jobs in Europe.

Following the event, Ray Kubis, EUROBAT President and President of EnerSys Europe, concluded: *“Industrial and automotive battery manufacturers gathered within EUROBAT have a unique opportunity under today’s tough business environment to adapt and broaden their views to new markets and technologies, and play a crucial role in the expansion of energy storage markets with a close eye on environmental protection and sustainable development”.*

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