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Hydrogen Europe Appoints New Board Members to Accelerate Deployment of Hydrogen Technologies in Europe

Andreas Froemmel, FuelCell Energy Solutions (FCES) Vice President of Business and Commercial Development, appointed to Vice-Chair

DRESDEN, Germany, July 01, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [FuelCell Energy Solutions, GmbH](#) (FCES), a provider of ultra-clean, efficient and reliable stationary fuel cell power plants, announced the appointment of Andreas Froemmel, Vice President of Business and Commercial Development at FCES, to Vice-Chair of [Hydrogen Europe](#) (formerly New Energy World - Industry Group or NEW-IG); a leading industry association comprised of about 100 companies dedicated to advancing the deployment of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies in Europe. As Vice-Chair, Froemmel will work closely with newly appointed Board Chairman Raphaël Schoentgen of [ENGIE](#), the French multinational utility company, to craft and execute the Hydrogen Europe initiatives.

"The Hydrogen Europe association is dedicated to developing awareness, markets, policy and regulatory framework to enable hydrogen deployment in Europe," said newly appointed Vice-Chair Andreas Froemmel. "It represents the collaborative effort between industry, utilities and government to advance the integration of the hydrogen society."

"Industry leaders working cooperatively and closely with regulatory and government officials, such as Hydrogen Europe is doing, illustrates the value of public/private partnerships for showcasing the many advantages of greater hydrogen adoption for clean and affordable power and transportation," said Chip Bottone, President and Chief Executive Officer FuelCell Energy, Inc. and Managing Director, FuelCell Energy Solutions, GmbH. "The FuelCell Energy Solutions team is pleased to be part of the solution for achieving the energy and environmental goals of Europe."

The Hydrogen Europe Board of Directors is comprised of executives from leading European companies including Dr. Katharina Beumelburg, Executive Vice-President Hydrogen Solutions, Siemens; Didier Pflieger, Senior Vice President, Alstom; Valérie Bouillon-Delporte, New Business Opportunities Director, Michelin; and Thomas Melczer, Director of Business Development, Proton Motor.

Hydrogen Europe's mission is to enhance environmental and economic sustainability while positioning Europe at the forefront of global energy-related technological developments. It is the industry partner of the European Commission and the Research community (N.ERGHY) within the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (FCH JU); this unique public-private partnership with N.ERGHY within the FCH JU supports Europe's development and commercial introduction of clean technologies in the transport and energy sectors.

Mr. Froemmel's leadership at FCES, since the company's founding in 2012, has directly impacted the market awareness of affordable and ultra-clean stationary fuel cell power plants in Europe; implementing installations in Berlin with the German Government and in London, including a downtown office tower, 20 Fenchurch, and the Crown Estate owned Regent Street development as well as the execution of a project development agreement with [EON Connecting Energies](#). Mr. Froemmel actively engages with European and German legislative and regulatory officials to advocate the whole fuel cell and hydrogen sector with a special focus on stationary fuel cell power plants at the confluence of energy, environmental and economic policies.

About Hydrogen Europe

Hydrogen Europe (formerly known as NEW-IG) is the leading industry association working to make hydrogen energy an everyday reality in Europe. The group represents almost 100 companies, both large and SMEs, and partners with the European Commission and the research community in a public-private partnership, Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking, worth €1.3 billion to accelerate the market introduction of these clean technologies in energy and transport. It also serves as the industry's reference point and key advocate towards European decision-makers. Learn more about Hydrogen Europe at <http://hydrogeneurope.eu/>

About FuelCell Energy Solutions, GmbH

FuelCell Energy Solutions manufactures, sells, installs, and services stationary fuel cell power plants that efficiently and economically generate electricity and usable high quality heat suitable for making steam. Administrative offices are located in Dresden, Germany and manufacturing operations are located in Taufkirchen, Germany. Continuous power generated at the point of use with the virtual absence of pollutants supports energy security and power reliability as well as sustainability

initiatives. Ultra-Clean baseload distributed generation is attractive to electric utilities, universities, hospitals, government facilities, industrial operations and other locations with significant power needs. For more information please visit www.fces.de.

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