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CENELEC AND COGEN EUROPE SIGN A COOPERATION AGREEMENT

CENELEC, the European Electrotechnical Standards Organization and COGEN Europe, the European Association for the Promotion of Cogeneration, signed yesterday an important cooperation agreement in Brussels.

The agreement, signed by Mr. Saulnier, President of CENELEC, and by Dr. Minett, Director of COGEN Europe, allows for direct cooperation and mutual contribution to each other's work. Specifically, and as stated in CENELEC Guide 14, this agreement guarantees direct input from COGEN into the standardization work undertaken by CENELEC. COGEN may thus advise on and state standardization priorities, may propose drafts as a contribution to the European standardization process and may deliver expert advice on legislative consequences of new standards.

Cogeneration is an efficient way to deliver heating, cooling and electricity. Its main goal is to work towards the wider use of Cogeneration in Europe contributing to a sustainable energy future. It is based on the simultaneous production of electricity and thermal energy, both of which are used.

COGEN's membership includes more than 190 power companies, power authorities and other companies involved in Cogeneration in 30 countries. The primary activities of COGEN Europe are to track the developments of EU legislation and to educate the power industry, legislators and the European business community on the benefits of Cogeneration.

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COGEN Europe is promoting the widespread development of Cogeneration in Europe and worldwide. To achieve this goal, COGEN Europe is working at the EU level and with Member States to develop sustainable energy policies and remove unnecessary barriers to its implementation. This agreement with CENELEC fulfills COGEN's strategy for CENELEC has the institutional responsibility and authority to propose, edit and adopt Electrotechnical Standards for the European Market (Directive 98/34/EC).

As Mr. Saulnier declared during the signature ceremony, "COGEN has become a strategic partner for CENELEC because Cogeneration is at the very basis of future developments in renewable, environment-friendly energy, including electricity".

Dr. Minett thanked CENELEC for its particular interest in Cogeneration and predicted a very long and fruitful partnership between CENELEC and COGEN in the interest of both organizations and of the electricity market in general.

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