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Claind and Proton Energy Systems Team to Collaborate on Analytical Laboratory Markets

Agreement creates co-development relationship to produce advanced analytical laboratory equipment

Lenno, Como (ITA) and Wallingford, Connecticut (USA) – January 12, 2010 - An important agreement was signed today between Claind, a 30-year old Italian manufacturer of gas generators, and Proton Energy Systems, a leading American company that produces on-site hydrogen generation systems.

The agreement is a commercial and technological partnership that joins Claind's many years of experience and world's leading position in the generation of hydrogen, nitrogen and zero air products with Proton Energy's expertise in the development and manufacturing of on-site hydrogen generation systems that utilize PEM (Proton Exchange Membrane) technology. Proton Energy is the world's leading supplier of PEM based hydrogen generators.

Through this technological interchange, Claind and Proton Energy will utilize the most advanced gas production technologies and offer the analytical laboratory market a highly reliable, safe and high performance solution for onsite hydrogen, nitrogen and zero air generators. Claind and Proton Energy are positioned to take advantage of each company's strengths in the market and use this combined strength to become leaders in the laboratory equipment market.

Claind's Chairman of the Board, Renzo Cogotzi and Sales Director, Nicola Tunesi, believe "The alliance with Proton has a double relevance for Claind: the commercial relationship with Proton will provide access to the American market for our nitrogen and air generators, where we are confident to enter together as main players. This cooperative agreement also allows Claind to utilize the most advanced PEM hydrogen generation technology, improving reliability and performance, for distribution in worldwide markets we are currently active in."

"Proton Energy is excited about this co-development agreement with Claind, which will allow for an expansion of our product offering in the analytical laboratory market as well as an expansion of our hydrogen generator technology to markets not currently addressed," said Robert Friedland, Proton Energy's President and Chief Executive Officer.

"We look forward to the partnership between Claind and Proton Energy Systems," said John Speranza, Proton Energy's Vice President of Hydrogen Product Sales. "By partnering together, we can enhance our global capabilities and reach in the laboratory marketplace by expanding the portfolio of solutions that both companies bring to potential customers."



The alliance strengthens the two companies as leaders in the development and manufacturing of gas generation technology for analytical applications. Both companies have developed a very good reputation in their respective markets and together will expand their reach beyond traditional geographical boundaries.

About Claind

Since its foundation, in 1979, Claind has grown up achieving the leader position in the European market as one of the main worldwide manufacturers of gas generators.

Claind instruments, based on exclusive patents, are the result of many years' researches carried on by Claind technicians in association with many important research centers and Italian and foreign universities.

The safety and reliability of its products make Claind the selected supplier of gas generators in all the UK universities and the partner of main Industrial Manufacturers in the world.

About Proton Energy Systems

Proton Energy Systems designs and manufactures proton exchange membrane (PEM) electrochemical systems to make hydrogen from water in a zero pollution process producing safe, pure, reliable onsite hydrogen to meet today's global hydrogen requirements. Proton Energy Systems has been developing and manufacturing world-class electrolysis systems since 1996, with thousands of units deployed world-wide, on every continent. With a reputation for building robust, reliable, and safe systems, federal, state, and commercial partners repeatedly seek the creative solutions that Proton Energy Systems has proven it is capable of delivering. For more information, visit www.ProtonEnergy.com.