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**EPEE is a business partnership
committed to responsible global energy
and environmental policy**

EPEE CITED IN GREENPEACE PAPER

EPEE was cited in a recent Greenpeace position paper prepared for the Montreal Protocol meeting held 11-13 July in Geneva, Switzerland. The Greenpeace paper describes EPEE as “undermining the political momentum in Europe towards the phasing out of these dangerous gases.” Greenpeace also urges that “the Parties to the Montreal Protocol should demand that these companies desist from pursuing these self-serving and environmentally harmful activities.” Copies of the Greenpeace paper can be obtained by contacting secretariat@epeeglobal.org.

EPEE REPRESENTED ON EC CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

Gilbert Marchiol, EPEE, and Robert Heap, EUCRAR, represented the air-conditioning and refrigeration industry during the 28 June kick-off meeting of the European Commission’s Climate Change Subgroup on Fluorinated Gases. The meeting was attended by nearly thirty individuals, mostly from the fluorinated gases expert list. Mr. Schulte-Braucks, DG Enterprise, chaired the meeting and outlined the group’s objectives. After initial introductions, meeting participants stated their views on the HFC issue. EUCRAR volunteered to work closely with the subgroup in developing future reports. Further industry information will be collected for presentation at the next Fluorinated Gases Subgroup meeting scheduled for 25 July.

MEMBERSHIP FEES SUPPORT EPEE DEVELOPMENT

EPEE full membership fees for large companies are 26,500 Euros (US \$25,000). The annual full membership fees for small companies are 18,550 Euros (US \$17,500). The annual associate membership fees for both small and large companies are 10,600 Euros (US \$10,000). An associate member company is one that does not view itself as a major player on the HFC issue, but wishes to support the continuing use of HFCs. An associate member will not play a role in strategy development nor governance of EPEE, but will be included in all communications within EPEE. Industry trade associations will be granted full membership status at no cost.

ASSOCIATIONS ENCOURAGED TO PROMOTE MEMBERSHIP

Membership forms will soon be sent to all participants from the Milan and Zurich EPEE meetings. Please indicate your organization’s preferred membership status and return. Fees should be paid by Eurocheck to EPEE’s bank account in Brussels. National associations are encouraged to play a primary membership recruitment role by providing EPEE briefing materials and information to their own members.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING SET FOR SEPTEMBER

Contact with potential Steering Committee members has started, and the list continues to grow. At present, EPEE has a commitment from the CEO's of 10 European manufacturers. Steering Committee members will meet via conference call in late August to discuss EPEE's Campaign Coordinator candidates; review EPEE's *Responsible HFC Use* position paper, communications proposal and operations guide; and decide future meeting dates and locations. The first Steering Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, 19 September, from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm, and on Wednesday, 20 September from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 pm at the Conrad Hotel in Brussels. During the meeting, the Committee will select a Campaign Coordinator from the final three candidates presented for review; define the roles and responsibilities for the Strategy Development Working Group; and assemble a list of Strategy Development Working Group members from a list of submitted candidates.

WORKING GROUP MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER

The first Company Working Group meeting is scheduled to convene during the IKK Exhibition in Nürnberg, Germany, from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm on Thursday, 19 October. The venue is still to be determined. During the meeting, Working Group members will outline a strategy for effective intelligence gathering and communication within the EU and EU member states.

The Strategy Development Working Group is also scheduled to meet during the IKK Exhibition in Nürnberg, Germany. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for 20 October from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m, and on 21 October from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The venue is still to be determined. During the October meeting, Strategy Development Working Group members will define the specific strategies and tactics necessary to launch a pro-HFC grassroots campaign on both a Pan-European and EU member state level.

STAFF INTERVIEWS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST

Candidates for EPEE Campaign Coordinator have been submitted and are currently being processed. Interviews will take place in Brussels the week of 21 August. The three most qualified candidates will be presented to the Steering Committee in September for review.

LINKS SOUGHT FOR WEBSITE

Additional website links to other organizations helpful to EPEE members should be forwarded via e-mail to the EPEE Secretariat at secretariat@epeeglobal.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

EC Fluorinated Gases Subgroup Meeting: (closed) Tuesday, 25 July; Brussels, Belgium

EPEE Campaign Coordinator Interviews: (closed) Monday – Tuesday, 21 - 23 August; Brussels, Belgium

EPEE Steering Committee Meeting: (closed) Tuesday, 19 September; 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm; Wednesday, 20 September; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm; Brussels, Belgium

EPEE Company Working Group Meeting: (closed) Thursday, 19 October; 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm; Nürnberg, Germany

EPEE Strategy Development Working Group Meeting: (closed) Friday, 20 October; 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm; Saturday, 21 October; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm; Nürnberg, Germany

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