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PRESS RELEASE -

Validation of pilot manufacturing line

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SOFCpower-HTceramix has completed the technology transfer from laboratory production in Yverdon, Switzerland to industrial pilot production in Mezzolombardo, Italy. The first complete HoTbox™ generator produced in Italy was assembled and successfully tested within specifications in time with the planning. The establishment of the pilot manufacturing line allows SOFCpower-HTceramix to serve the customer with standard products. The current facilities allow a steady increase of production capacity for SOFC generators to 2 MW by end of 2011.

In addition, progress in materials and production techniques have increased stack performance in terms of stack power and efficiency, where more than 50% electrical efficiency was achieved with hydrogen nitrogen fuel mixture. This progress exceeds the internal technology progress targets and will strongly support the achievement of the production cost targets.

SOFCpower S.r.l. is the only Italian SOFC manufacturer and has established its pilot manufacturing plant late 2008 in Trento. SOFCpower's mission is to become a leader in the development & commercialization of stacks and energy generating units to be integrated into SOFC systems.

HTceramix SA is a dynamic and rapidly progressing developer of solid oxide fuel cells. HTceramix mission is to develop and support the integration of Swiss quality fully integrated SOFC generators to system integrators. Based in Yverdon, Switzerland, HTceramix was founded in 2000 using technology developed over 10 years at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL) and is a 100% subsidiary of SOFCpower.

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