

British Columbia and Scandinavian Hydrogen Highways Join Forces

British Columbia's Hydrogen Highway (BC Hydrogen Highway) Steering Team and the Scandinavian Hydrogen Highway Partnership (SHHP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) formalizing their intent to collaborate on development of "hydrogen highways" in BC and Scandinavia based on meetings at the 2007 Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Conference and Trade Show in Vancouver last week.

The MOU links the participants of the two projects in jointly addressing the common barriers to commercial deployment of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies. The objectives of this partnership include: supporting the development of codes and standards that encourage the introduction of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies; sharing learnings and best practices related to hydrogen station installations and vehicle operations; coordinating product specifications; increasing public awareness and encouraging collaboration in the application of new hydrogen and fuel cell products.

"The development of hydrogen infrastructure for transportation is such a fundamental transformation that it really requires all levels of government and industry to come together to solve shared challenges faced in each of our jurisdictions," said Denis Connor, who Chairs the BC Hydrogen Highway Steering Team.

"With the commitment signed here today, we have made an important step in declaring our intention to work together and to exchange information and ideas with other global leaders." said Ulf Hafsel, Chairman of the Scandinavian Hydrogen Highway Partnership.

About the Scandinavian Hydrogen Highway Partnership (SHHP)

The SHHP is constituted by the national hydrogen highway networks of Norway (HyNor), Sweden (Hyfuture), and Denmark (Hydrogen Link), with the purpose of making the Scandinavian region one of the first regions in Europe where hydrogen is commercially available and used in a network of refueling stations.

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About the BC Hydrogen Highway

The BC Hydrogen Highway is a coordinated demonstration, deployment and market development program with the purpose of enabling participants to evaluate, improve and refine the performance of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies in conjunction with early adopter organizations, and is so doing, advance commercialization objectives.

A "hydrogen highway" more generally refers to a network of hydrogen fuelling stations for hydrogen fuel cell powered buses and vehicles. Hydrogen can be efficiently converted to electricity without combustion and with zero emissions using a fuel cell.

Deploying fuel cell technology, and the required infrastructure to support it, is considered an activity of international scope and importance.

The BC Hydrogen Highway is largely a voluntary and consensus driven organization of industry and government leaders who are committed to the objectives of developing clean, zero emission hydrogen and fuel cell technology and growing the industry cluster already established in BC and Canada. The BC Hydrogen Highway Steering team consists of two representatives from each of the Government of Canada, the Province of BC and industry.

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