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ALABC Membership Reaches All-Time High

Consortium adds several companies to its membership list and may add more

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. (June 28, 2011) – The Advanced Lead Acid Battery Consortium recently announced the additions of several companies to its membership list, bringing its current membership to 66 companies – its highest tally ever. The consortium, which coordinates research programs for advanced lead-acid and lead carbon batteries, is also looking to build upon that number soon as at least 10 other companies have expressed interest in joining this year or next.

“This is a clear indication that the work we are conducting continues to draw significant attention from all over the industry,” said ALABC President Pat Moseley. “Our research program is having a positive effect on the market for lead-acid and lead carbon batteries, and we intend for it to continue.”

The consortium recently received membership pledges from local start-up battery producer **H-Power** (of Charlotte, NC) and New Zealand start-up carbon producer **ArcActive**. Other new members for this year include: **Battery Technology Group** of Canada (a former subsidiary of Teck Cominco reaffirming membership after property change); lead-carbon foam battery producer **Firefly International Energy** of the U.S. and India; American energy company **Southern California Edison** (former member under earlier program); and start-up bipolar battery producer **YottaQ** of Sunnyvale, CA.

The addition of these new members represents the fact that while the ALABC continues to draw influential members from the battery industry, it is also bringing in companies such as energy producers and cooperatives that represent other vital sectors for market expansion.

“In order for this research to be applied adequately and for the batteries to be successful in the after-market phase, it is important to have cooperation across as many industry sectors as possible,” said Moseley. “The ALABC’s membership continues to reflect this diversity as we move forward with our research program.”

The ALABC is an international research consortium comprised of lead producers, battery manufacturers, equipment suppliers, research organizations and other pertinent entities organized to enhance the performance of lead-acid batteries for a variety of markets, including hybrid electric vehicle (HEV) applications. For more information, visit www.alabc.org.