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Fuel Cell & Hydrogen Energy Industry Honors
U.S. Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ)

Florham Park, New Jersey (August 10, 2012) – The Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association (FCHEA) presented its Pathfinder Award today to Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ-11) in recognition of his support for the commercialization of fuel cell and hydrogen energy technologies. The award was presented on behalf of the industry by David M. Stryker, Senior Vice President & General Counsel for BASF Corporation, Patrick Murphy, President of Linde North America, and Frank Wolak, Vice President of FuelCell Energy and Chairman of FCHEA's Government Affairs Committee at BASF's North American headquarters in Florham Park, New Jersey. Also in attendance was Gerald DeCuello, President of TreadStone Technologies, Inc.

"BASF's chemistry is enabling a more sustainable future for our planet, from agriculture to building materials to components of renewable energy technology," said Stryker. Fuel cells are a crucial clean energy technology, and the membrane electrode assemblies produced in our New Jersey facility are cutting edge. We appreciate Rep. Frelinghuysen's support for this technology and his vision for a clean energy future."

Mr. Murphy added, "Representative Frelinghuysen is a leading voice for promoting alternative energy and decreasing U.S. dependence on fossil fuels. He has worked hard to ensure fuel cell and hydrogen technologies are treated fairly in the appropriations process. Without his efforts, this industry would not be as far down the path to full commercialization as it is today. On behalf of Linde North America's more than 900 New Jersey employees, I am proud to be a part of this award presentation."

Mr. DeCuello said, "Representative Frelinghuysen's support of small businesses in New Jersey has been outstanding and supports the continued growth of New Jersey's economy today and in the future. As a small business, we appreciate his support."

Representative Frelinghuysen said that his support of fuel cells and hydrogen energy and other alternative technologies was logical for a New Jersey legislator.

"America has a unique opportunity to expand its energy resources, and create jobs in the process. Fuel cells and hydrogen energy are a good fit for New Jersey, which

leads the nation in manufacturing, chemistry, and research and development. I thank the Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association for this award."

Mr. Wolak stated, "It is an honor to present the 2012 Pathfinder Award to Rep. Frelinghuysen on behalf of the Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association. Our industry works hard to produce clean energy jobs in the United States, and Rep. Frelinghuysen's leadership in Congress has given us the support we need to keep America the global leader in fuel cell and hydrogen energy technology."

A fuel cell generates electricity and useful heat through an electrochemical process, rather than combustion. Because fuel cells do not burn their fuel, they are highly efficient, and extremely clean.

"Pollution-free, domestically-sourced fuel cell and hydrogen systems answer many of America's toughest environmental and energy questions," said Morry Markowitz, President & Executive Director for the Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association.

The Pathfinder Award

First presented in 2003**,** The Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association's Pathfinder Award recognizes the contribution of individuals outside the industry to the commercialization of fuel cells and hydrogen energy in the United States. Recipients of the award are nominated and voted on by FCHEA members. Past winners have included members of Congress, government officials and business leaders.

For more information about the award, visit: http://fchea.org/index.php?id=5.

About the Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association

The Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association (FCHEA) is the trade association for the fuel cell and hydrogen energy industry, and is dedicated to the commercialization of fuel cells and hydrogen energy technologies. Fuel cells and hydrogen energy technologies deliver clean, reliable power to leading edge corporate, academic and public sector users, and FCHEA members are helping to transform the our energy future. FCHEA represents the full global supply chain, including universities, government laboratories and agencies, trade associations, fuel cell materials, components and systems manufacturers, hydrogen producers and fuel distributors, utilities and other end users.

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