



CERAMIC FUEL CELLS, A QUIET ACHIEVER

The Australian Business Council for Sustainable Energy today congratulated Ceramic Fuel Cells (CFCL) on the launch of Australia's first fuel cell electricity generator.

CFCL's fuel cell is a terrific example of the first class technologies being developed in Australia to meet the world's growing demand for low emission energy generation.

CFCL's technology has immense appeal and significant market opportunities in the many countries around the world who have adopted policies and mechanisms that encourage more efficient energy distribution, lower network costs, and most importantly lower carbon emissions.

Many signatories to the Kyoto Protocol, including all European Union member states, are required to cut their greenhouse gas emissions, with the United Kingdom and Germany phasing out coal and nuclear power stations.

To ensure they are Kyoto compliant these countries are also using policies such as emissions trading to make the required mix of technically viable, lower or zero emission technologies possible, including fuel cells.

"The EU recognises that they must meet a 2% growth in energy demand yet at the same time cut their greenhouse emissions," said Mr Ric Brazzale, Executive Director of the Australian Business Council for Sustainable Energy, the peak industry body for renewable energy.

"By putting a price on carbon and enabling emissions trading for example, these countries are now able to employ new technologies that meet their energy demand and reduce their level of greenhouse gas emissions," said Mr Brazzale.

"Ceramic Fuel Cells is well placed to become one of Australia's iconic 'Quiet Achievers' - a leading exporter of new technology to markets that Australia has refused to join."

CFCL's fuel cell powered micro-CHP (combined heat and power generator) launched today will be the first of two units shipped to New Zealand for a twelve month field trial by Powerco, New Zealand's largest gas and second largest electricity distribution company.

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