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Announcement

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Australian Fuel Cell Technology Impresses French Delegation

Ceramic Fuel Cells Limited (CFCL) has proudly welcomed a delegation of French MPs to its headquarters and factory in Melbourne, Australia.

The delegation of MPs, all members of the National Assembly Committee for Economic Affairs, visited CFCL to get a first hand look at the Company’s leading fuel cell technology and to discuss the Company’s plans for European expansion. The delegation is visiting Australia to promote economic relations between Australia and France, with a focus on energy and the environment – including new and sustainable energy technologies.

“We were very keen to visit CFCL to understand their fuel cell technologies and also to discuss how CFCL has managed its development from an initial research program with the CSIRO up to the public float last year and its current commercialisation activities”, said Mr Patrick Ollier, President of the Economic Affairs Committee.

“Earlier this year the French government launched several policies to reinforce our competitiveness in some key technological areas, grouping research centres, universities and companies and providing them with incentives. We have created a new Industrial Innovation Agency, with €2 billion funding over its first two years, to fund a range of innovative products. Several programs are likely to focus on green technologies.

We are also promoting "Poles de Competitivité" or Competitiveness Clusters, designed to promote development of world class high technology clusters combining R&D centres and industry. Selected clusters will be eligible for assistance with the cost of R&D projects, exonerations from some taxes and social charges, and assistance with infrastructure development.

Our Committee is very interested in understanding how CFCL has successfully developed its technology in Australia, and is now looking to expand into Europe. We were most impressed by CFCL’s technology and facilities – and we look forward to more discussions about the Company’s plans for Europe - and France in particular” concluded Mr Ollier.

Mr Brendan Dow, CFCL CEO, said “We were honoured to be chosen by the Committee as one of the Australian businesses they wanted to visit. It shows that we’re succeeding in building our profile outside Australia – and in Europe in particular – which is important for Australian companies wanting to commercialise technology for a global market.

It also shows how far advanced European governments are in their planning and support for new energy technologies like fuel cells – with real money and tangible steps to support innovation and new infrastructure.

We were delighted to be able to show off our technology and products to such an important group, and we look forward to further discussions in France.”



Caption: The delegation inspects a CFCL fuel cell powered micro CHP demonstration unit at CFCL's factory in Melbourne, Australia, together with Brendan Dow (CEO) and Dr Karl Foger (Chief Technical Officer) of CFCL.

The delegation comprised the following members of parliament, all members of the National Assembly Committee for Economic Affairs:

- Mr Patrick Ollier, MP for Hauts de Seine (near Paris), President of the Economic Affairs Committee. Mr Ollier has been a member of the Parliament since 1988 and is also the mayor of Rueil (a town near Paris). His main interests at the Parliament are national and regional planning policies, economic development and the environment.
- Mr Yves Coussain, MP for Cantal (central France), Vice-President of the Committee
- Mr François Sauvadet, MP for Côte d'Or (east of Paris), Vice-President of the Committee
- Mrs Marcelle Ramonet, MP for Finistère (Brittany region)
- Mr Serge Poignant, MP for Loire Atlantique (Atlantic coast)
- Mr Pierre Ducout, MP for Gironde (Bordeaux region)

CFCL was also pleased to welcome Mrs Marie Vigouroux, Parliamentary administrator and the French Honorary Consul in Victoria, Mrs Patricia Carroll - Polites.

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Ceramic Fuel Cells Ltd (CFCL) is a publicly listed company (ASX code CFU) and world leader in development of energy fuel cells using natural gas. CFCL's fuel cells have potential to meet significant market demand in Europe, UK and Asia for clean, efficient, green and reliable electricity for use on site and sale back into the power grid. With 100 skilled staff and extensive patented technology, CFCL is pursuing partnerships for manufacture, production and use of its fuel cells in delivering electricity in homes, offices and industry around the world.

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