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Global Fluorocarbon Producers Forum (GFPF¹) funds halocarbon measurements in the atmosphere

Brussels, December 2008 The Global Fluorocarbon Producers' Forum (GFPF) is pleased to announce that it is among those governments and industry associations who will sponsor the initiative to establish a central calibration laboratory for halocarbons as part of the multi-national Advanced Global Atmospheric Gases Experiment (AGAGE).

By doing so GFPF is promoting the gathering of solid scientific and independent data on which to base sound policies. The collection of such data will encourage steps to reduce emissions of fluorinated (F)-gases and, in particular, to help make the implementation of the EU Regulation of F-gases a success.

"We are strongly committed, in particular, to put in place all the measures necessary to reach the high level of maintenance, containment and leakage control required to make the F-gas Regulation a success. One convincing way to prove that its aim to reduce emissions can be achieved is through the monitoring of the F-gases emissions; declared the chairman of the Environmental Managers group of GFPF, Mr. Tim Vink.

The AGAGE operates a network of globally distributed stations conducting real-time measurements of chlorofluorocarbons CFCs, hydrochlorofluorocarbons HCFCs and hydrofluorocarbons HFCs, including all major natural and anthropogenic halocarbons.

The frequent measurements (12-18 per day) provide the basis for calculating regional emissions, such as those from Europe or East Asia, and this new calibration laboratory will help upgrade their accuracy.

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Note: the location of measuring stations, funding organizations, and summaries of published data are available at: <http://agage.eas.gatech.edu/>

¹ Arkema, Solvay Fluor, Japan Fluorocarbon Manufacturers Association, Dupont Fluoroproducts, Honeywell, Ineos Fluor.

