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EMTEC Touts Ohio's Alternative Energy Leadership in Germany

This year's Hannover Trade Fair, which just concluded last Friday, featured a talk by Frank Svet, President/CEO of The Edison Materials Technology Center (EMTEC) highlighting Ohio's prominent role in alternative energy activities. Svet traveled with Ohio Governor Bob Taft and other Ohio officials to Hannover, Germany as part of a mission to publicize Ohio's strong support of alternative energy initiatives and to attract entrepreneurial companies to locate in Ohio.

According to Svet, "Ohio last year had a gross state product (equivalent to GDP on a country scale) of \$420 billion. Of this amount 20%, or \$80 billion, is manufacturing related. Ohio is second in the nation in auto supply chain production. Since many parts and assemblies used for the auto production supply chain produce the parts needed for wind turbine and solar power, much of the supply chain for alternative energy such as wind and solar exists in the state." He went on by saying, "Ohio is Number 1 in the USA now for fuel cell funded project activity in terms of number of projects and project dollars. We are making strong inroads in renewable fuels such as bio-ethanol and biodiesel production. Six plants are in planning now including 2 near Lima, Ohio. Clearly Ohio is a region where companies interested in accelerating alternative energy technologies to market can find opportunities and the state provides support and has the ability to provide the infrastructure supply chain support for these exciting new emerging alternative energy products."

The Hannover Fair is the world's leading trade fair for industrial and automation technology. The fair attracts market leaders as well as entrepreneurial company owners from an international audience. The 2006 show featured sectors in energy, automation, microtechnology along with other related segments. Organized by Deutsche Messe AG, it is considered the world's foremost exhibit for capital goods and new opportunities in manufacturing, energy, etc.

The Edison Materials Technology Center (EMTEC) in Dayton, OH, is a non-profit, member-based organization serving Ohio. As an organization that develops business and technology strategies, sponsors, coordinates and manages collaborative projects and programs leading to commercialization or new business formation EMTEC is committed to the mission of accelerating materials technology to the market. With over 19 years experience in applied research management, commercial successes, and startups EMTEC focuses on assistance for potentially high growth materials technologies. EMTEC provides technical coordination and commercialization assistance to Ohio's industry, universities, and government labs to strengthen Ohio's industrial competitiveness in automotive, metal casting, nanomaterials, polymers, composites, biomaterials, and alternative energy markets.

A copy of Svet's presentation slides can be obtained from the EMTEC website (www.emtec.org).

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