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This newsletter offers information about the International EPD® system on current global activities related to PCR and EPD development. The EPD® newsletter is issued 4 times per year.

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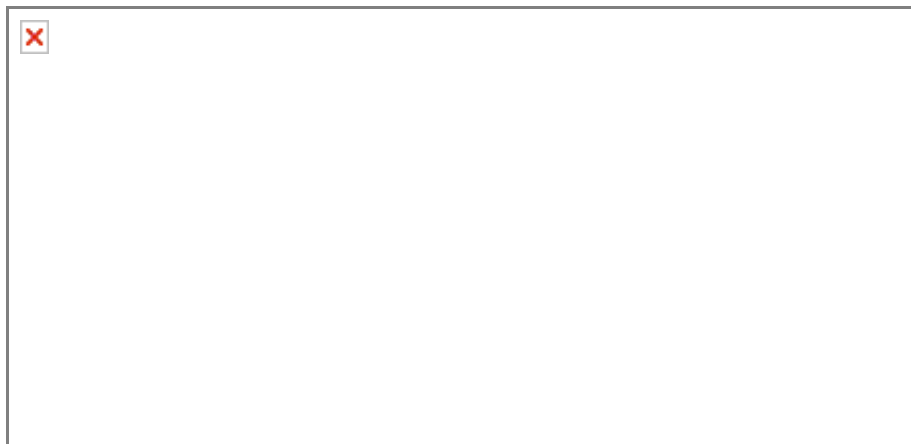
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Launch of the international EPD® system

The international EPD® system was officially launched on February 29, 2008. Information about the system along with an introductory text, the General Programme Instructions and supporting annexes are available on the international EPD® website – <http://www.environdec.com>.

The General Programme Instructions describes the programme organisation, development of product category rules (PCR), declaration requirements and format, and PCR review and EPD verification. The programme operator of the international EPD® system is referred to as *the International EPD Consortium (IEC)* being a non-profit organisation having a *Steering Committee (SC)*, a *Technical Committee (TC)* and a *Secretariat* for the EPD administration as illustrated below, where activities related to EPD administration are indicated in the grey box, PCR development in light green boxes and EPD verification in dark green boxes.



The General Programme Instructions have been developed in accordance with ISO 14025 for so-called Type III environmental declarations and has been subject to a thorough consultation during 2007 including an Internet Stakeholder procedure with comments received from a large number of countries as well as subsequent meetings with an interim organisation including EPD experts from Italy, Germany and Sweden.

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Invitation to join the international EPD® system

Any organisation interested in joining the international EPD® system is welcome to contact the IEC Secretariat at info@environdec.com.

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Remaining activities in setting up the final organisational framework

A few more activities need to be discussed and settled as final inputs to the full operation of the international EPD® system being:

- Constitution of the IEC in terms of recruitment of persons to the Steering Committee and the Technical Committee.
- Application and approval procedure for individual EPD verifiers handled by the programme operator.
- Qualifications and management of the "EPD process certification".
- Setting a fee structure for membership of the IEC (if found relevant), fees for the application procedure for individual EPD verifiers and fees for EPD registration.

These activities are planned to be finalised during March – June 2008. The first scheduled Steering Committee Meeting is planned to take place in June/July 2008.

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Global survey on Climate Declarations

The international EPD network, GEDnet, currently conducts a survey based on a questionnaire to receive responses on existing examples of climate declarations and suggestions for improvements. More information about climate declarations and the questionnaire can be found at www.gednet.org.

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Vattenfall delivers EPD®-declared electricity to Munters

Munters Europe AB has renewed its electricity contract with Vattenfall for another three years (2008-2010). The company buys 6.5 GWh EPD-declared hydropower including also services for guidance and surveillance of the electricity market.

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Developing ready-made basic PCR modules

A project with the objective to develop ready-made PCR modules for all relevant upstream processes is currently carried out by the Swedish Environmental Research Institute (IVL).

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The EU Commission arranges meetings on climate issues

The EU Commission responds to the increasing market demand for information related to climate change by arranging two expert meetings.

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First company having a climate declaration receives award

Cascades Djupafors AB, being the pioneer company launching a climate declaration, has been awarded for its environmental work. The award will be handed over by H.R.H. Crown Princess Victoria at a ceremony in Stockholm on March 13.

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New Registered EPDs

 LAPE S.r.l.

Recycled polystyrene insulation panels

 NordZinc S.p.A.

Hot dip zinc and painted steel

 Mengozzi Rifiuti Sanitari S.p.a.

Collection of Hazardous, Potentially Infective Sanitary Waste and Disposal through Incineration

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29	Launch of the international EPD®system
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10	Start of project for developing "ready-made" PCR modules
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15	Release of the 2nd EPD®newsletter

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