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QUOTES FROM THE MIDWEST CLEAN DIESEL LEADERSHIP GROUP

New clean diesel technology completely changes the way people view diesel. The Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative is taking the lead to increase the adoption of clean diesel technologies to dramatically reduce emissions by 90 percent in older trucks and buses.

**Patrick Charbonneau, Vice President of Government Relations,
International Truck and Engine Corporation**

We are pleased and honored to be a part of this group and share its focus on partnership and real, measurable environmental and health outcomes for the region. This kind of recognition and support by the EPA is especially critical for Minnesota proactively to stay ahead of air quality problems and to comply with all federal air quality standards. We applaud EPA's foresight and dedication in launching this comprehensive effort to address a major regional air quality problem like diesel emissions.

**Bill Droessler, Clean Air Minnesota Director
Minnesota Environmental Initiative**

As the crossroads of America, Indiana has a significant interest in improving air quality while facilitating the increased movement of goods necessary for our growing economy. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management is honored to be part of the Midwest Clean Diesel Leadership Group. The initiative is an excellent example of a public/private partnership to harness the power of the marketplace to improve both the economy and the environment in Indiana and the entire Midwest.

**Thomas Easterly, Commissioner
Indiana Department of Environmental Management**

"Our partners are making a difference in the Midwest in improving the Quality of Life by reducing air pollution."

Carl Lisek, South Shore Clean Cities, Inc.

The diesel industry is proud to be an active participant in the Midwest Clean Diesel Leadership Group. The diversity of supporters stepping forward to join together for this program speaks volumes about the universal agreement that cleaner diesel means cleaner air for all of us, and the industry is committed to doing its part. Opportunities for upgrading the existing diesel fleet are now greater than ever, and diesel retrofit programs have proven time and again to be one of the most cost-effective ways we can reduce diesel emissions, help improve air quality and promote environmental progress.

**Allen Schaeffer, Executive Director
Diesel Technology Forum**

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) recognizes the importance of cleaning up diesel emissions and working in partnership with businesses and stakeholders to voluntarily reduce diesel emissions with a number of actions. As a state focused on maintaining attainment of air quality standards, strategic partnerships are the focus for gaining air quality improvement. For example as a major partner, along with several businesses and stakeholder groups, the MPCA helped establish, promote and support Clean Air Minnesota's Project Green Fleet which will retrofit 500 diesel school buses, reducing harmful particulates by 30 percent-- by the end of 2007.

**David Thornton, Assistant Commissioner for Air Policy
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

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Continuing to release harmful diesel particulate matter into the air when available, cost-effective technologies can nearly eliminate this environmental health problem is unacceptable. The American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago is pleased to join the Midwest Clean Diesel Group in its efforts to quickly reduce soot pollution in order to protect the most vulnerable populations: children with developing lungs, the elderly and those suffering from pulmonary diseases.

**Brian Urbaszewski, Director of Environmental Health Programs
American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago**

The American Lung Association supports the advancement and promotion of cleaner traditional and alternative fuel because the reduction in toxic petroleum components is good for lung health and the environment.

**Harold Wimmer, President and CEO
American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest**

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