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German carmakers choose CO₂!

Brussels, 30 July 2007:--Industry insiders confirmed that German car manufacturers have decided to choose CO₂ Technology for next generation car air conditioning systems. Grouped under the VDA (German Automotive Industry Association), manufacturers have also decided to stop all developments on new chemical blends. Other manufacturers are also expected to follow this German lead.

"Should the VDA decision to go for CO₂ be officially confirmed, then the DUH welcomes this decision by the German car industry to take the lead in opting for the most sustainable solution available", says Jürgen Resch, Managing Director of the DUH (Deutsche Umwelthilfe), and member of the Alliance for CO₂ Solutions.

Given its environmental performance and potential to significantly improve the system's efficiency, the German car industry is choosing the natural refrigerant CO₂ instead of new blends proposed by chemical giants. The latter are still considered by other European manufacturers, even though they present open questions regarding their toxicity, flammability, etc.. This decision effectively puts an end in Germany to long discussions about which systems to choose to comply with an EU Directive banning high global warming refrigerants as from 2011.

The Alliance for CO₂ Solutions is a grouping of organisations that support the use of CO₂ Technology in car air conditioning. Its supporters include Greenpeace, Deutsche Umwelthilfe, Ixetic, Konvekta, SINTEF and Shecco.

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