

Press Release

Current statistics of TÜV SÜD and LBST

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Fifteen New Hydrogen Refuelling Stations in 2008, Worldwide

Munich. In 2008, 15 new hydrogen refuelling stations opened worldwide, increasing the total number to 175. This is the result of an annual assessment by H2stations.org, a website of the hydrogen and fuel-cell internet portal of TÜV SÜD and Ludwig-Bölkow-Systemtechnik (LBST). Another 108 refuelling stations are currently in the planning stage.

In their hydrogen and fuel-cell portal, TÜV SÜD and LBST offer extensive information and services for interested members of the public and professional users. "The H2stations.org website features interactive maps showing all hydrogen refuelling stations currently in operation or planning worldwide", says Matthias Altmann, Ludwig-Bölkow-Systemtechnik. "In 2008, the map of Germany showed a total of 21 hydrogen refuelling stations, with another 12 stations to be added by 2010." Throughout Europe – including Germany – the number of refuelling stations increased by seven to its present number of 49, and rose by eight in North America to total 84. "The global increase in the number of hydrogen refuelling stations can be regarded as an indication that the industry is preparing for the market launch of vehicles powered by hydrogen or fuel cells", says Altmann

In addition to H2stations.org, the hydrogen and fuel-cell internet portal also includes the H2mobility.org website, which offers an overview of hydrogen vehicles, the HyWeb.de newsletter, in-depth technical information and a guide through standards and regulations. "The internet-based database is updated on an ongoing basis and free for non-commercial use", explains LBST expert Altmann. "We also offer more in-depth data and targeted data analysis for our commercial clients." TÜV SÜD's and LBST's shared hydrogen and fuel-cell internet portal **can be found at** www.netinform.de/H2

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professional associations in all issues arising within the context of technology, strategy and sustainability. LBST's comprehensive expertise is based on two decades of continuous experience by an interdisciplinary team. The international service group TÜV SÜD has held a 47-per-cent stake in Ludwig-Bölkow-Systemtechnik since 2006. The common goal of the companies is the safe and cost-effective application of renewable energy carriers.

Further information about Ludwig-Bölkow-Systemtechnik and TÜV SÜD can be found on the Internet at www.lbst.de or www.tuev-sued.de respectively.

Information for editorial offices: The static maps of hydrogen refuelling stations can be downloaded from www.tuev-sued.de/pressefotos (main category: "Current Press Photos").

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