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RENAULT AND THE CEA SIGN A STRATEGIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN THE FIELD OF TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH

On June 24, 2010, Renault and the CEA (French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission) signed a research and development agreement to work together in the field of clean vehicles and sustainable mobility for all: electric vehicles, new energies, and cleaner combustion engines.

Joint teams

Under the terms of this agreement, cooperation between Renault and the CEA will take the form of joint project teams working together at several sites. A Renault/CEA Strategic Steering Committee will be responsible for management. It will identify areas of synergy and the corresponding objectives, approve the three-year research and development program and ensure that a win-win balance is maintained for each party, particularly with respect to results and their use. The committee will be chaired jointly by the head of the DREAM (Research, Advanced Studies and Materials division) at Renault and the CEA technological research director.

Strategic programs

Following the detailed studies conducted by Renault and the CEA in 2009 to identify possible synergies, four main areas of research have been set out:

- new energies in transport;
- upgrades in electrical and electronic architecture;
- improvements in the competitiveness of combustion engines;
- communicating vehicles.

A long-term commitment

The two partners are committed for a period of three consecutive years, extendable by tacit agreement from one year to the next. To ensure that the teams remain in place over the long term, Renault and the CEA have set up a significant provisional annual budget.

The aim for Renault is to achieve technological breakthroughs by developing a broader view of mobility in order to offer users cleaner vehicles, affordable by the greatest number. The CEA will provide input and suggestions to help Renault reach these objectives. The CEA has multi-disciplinary expertise in several key areas of sustainable mobility and will draw upon all its resources in the area of technological research. The studies must create value for customers as

part of a win-win balance with Renault. *“This strategic cooperation with Renault perfectly illustrates the CEA’s new mission in the field of alternative energies. The innovations we aim to develop together will contribute to a form of automotive mobility that respects the environment and delivers benefits for the largest possible number of our fellow citizens, through a major industrial partnership,”* says Bernard Bigot, Chairman of the CEA.

For Odile Desforges, Executive Vice-President, Engineering and Quality, at Renault: *“Sustainable mobility is one of the key issues of our time. Developing solutions that respect users and the environment is an aim that can be achieved only through close cooperation between the public and private sectors, and we are delighted that the CEA is committed to working with us.”*

Renault

The Renault group, with more than 350 industrial sites and present in 118 countries, designs, develops, manufactures and sells a broad range of innovative, safe and environmentally respectful vehicles. Renault pursues its strategy of profitable growth under the Renault, Dacia and Renault Samsung Motors brands. The Renault group employs 121,000 people worldwide, reported a net revenue of €33,712 million and sold more than 2.3 million vehicles in 2009.

More information on www.media.renault.com

The CEA

The French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA) is a public technological research organization working in four main areas: low-carbon energies, defense and security, information technologies and health technologies.

Building on excellence in fundamental research and on recognized expertise, the CEA takes part in organizing cooperation projects with a wide range of academic and industrial partners. With its 16,000 researchers and employees, it is a major player in European research and is also expanding its international presence.

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