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

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Results from the survey on climate declarations

GEDnet recently conducted a survey on the concept of climate declarations and to gather suggestions on improvements on existing climate declarations. The survey gave valuable suggestions on which information climate declarations should contain. The suggested improvements will be implemented in new guidelines for climate declarations within the International EPD® system.

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Development of branch-related Product Category Rules (PCR) for Environmental Product Declarations (EPD)

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) and the Swedish Environmental Management Council (SEMCo). One of the goals is to develop "ready-made" basic PCR modules according to the two-digit level United Nations CPC-classification scheme.

One of the first "ready-made" PCR modules will be for the CPC division 46, Electrical machinery and apparatus. The work is scheduled to be finalised by the November 2008.

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EPD process certification tested in ABB companies

The concept of "EPD process certification" has recently been tested in ABB companies to gain

practical experiences from a verifier's and an organisation's point of view. The test showed that "EPD process certification" very well could fit into "good practise" both from the perspective of effective organisational and product development and communication.

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Finalisation of the EU project on Carbon Footprint Measurement Toolkit

Life Cycle Engineering (LCE), in cooperation with the Swedish Environmental Management Council, has been entrusted by the European Commission to perform a project on the Carbon Footprint Measurement Toolkit to be applied for the EU Eco-label, the EU Flower, for the inclusion of issues related to climate change.

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ISO starts work on carbon footprinting based on the concept of EPDs

The significant concerns around climate change have brought into focus not only the importance of reducing GHG emissions, but also the need for a harmonised way of calculating and communicating climate impacts of goods and services. As a consequence, different attempts are emerging to quantify green-house gas (GHG)-emissions of products and services. Therefore, ISO recently decided to initiate work for a standard on quantification and communication of "carbon footprint of products", where the communication piece is planned to be based on ISO 14025 for EPDs.

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Launch of a new website on Climate Declarations

The emerging interest in Climate Declarations as been introduced by the International EPD®system will lead to the launch of a dedicated website – www.climatedeclaration.com. The website will be administrated in close cooperation with the Swedish Environmental Research Institute (IVL) and is scheduled to open in November. For more information, please contact Anna Lindberg at anna@msr.se.

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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New editor

Joakim Thornéus is new as one of the editors of the newsletter. Joakim will work with EPDs and climate declarations at the Swedish Environmental Management Council. Previous, Joakim worked as an environmental coordinator at the Swedish Defence Materiel Administration. Joakim can be contacted at joakim@msr.se.

New registered EPDs

Bearing steel taper rollers

 Natracare

Ultra pad with wings



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