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Market Forecast Predicts Global Market for Motor Vehicle Pollution Controls Will More than Double by the Year 2010

WASHINGTON, DC -- A study prepared by Michael P. Walsh, a renowned expert on international motor vehicle emission control issues, forecasts that by the year 2010 the motor vehicle pollution control market will double from an estimated 1998 level of \$35.6 billion to over \$72 billion. The phenomenal growth projected is a function of 1) continued significant growth in the number of new motor vehicles registered worldwide, particularly in Asia and Latin America, and 2) the growing number of countries which are following the United States' lead in adopting increasingly more stringent motor vehicle emission control programs.

Some highlights of the market forecast include:

- the passenger car and light truck emission control market is expected to rise from approximately \$23 billion in 1998 to over \$42.5 billion by the year 2010;
- the heavy truck and bus emission control market will be one of the fastest growing market segments and is anticipated to grow from a current \$2.4 billion market to over \$6.2 billion by 2010; and
- the motorcycle and moped pollution control market is projected to grow from the current level of \$380 million to over \$2.2 billion by 2010.

The expected explosive growth in the worldwide market for motor vehicle pollution control equipment offers considerable opportunities for U.S. companies. MECA's Executive Director, Bruce Bertelsen, stated, "U.S. manufacturers are recognized world leaders in developing and producing mobile source emission control technologies, such as the catalytic converter, and U.S. companies will continue to be active participants as the world market for emission control equipment expands dramatically through the first decade of the 21st century."

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“U.S. companies have maintained the edge in developing motor vehicle emission control equipment because the United States over the past three decades has led the rest of the world in requiring the clean-up of pollution from cars, trucks, and buses. The U.S. motor vehicle emission control program, created when Congress enacted the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1970, has long been recognized as one this century’s great environmental success stories. But the Clean Air Act has had another positive effect -- it created the U.S. emission control industry which, in turn, has generated thousands of highly skilled jobs. Now as the rest of the world seeks to control motor vehicle emissions, U.S. companies, with extensive technical experience, are significant players in the ever-growing motor vehicle emission control market,” Bertelsen added.

Persons wishing to obtain additional information regarding the market forecast, *Mobile Vehicle Emission Controls: The Growing Global Market (1999)*, should contact the author, Michael P. Walsh, directly by telephone: 703/241-1297; fax: 703/241-1418; or e-mail: mpwalsh@igc.apc.org.

Founded in 1976, MECA is a national association of companies which manufacture a variety of mobile source emission control equipment for automobiles, trucks, buses, and off-road vehicles and engines, as well as catalytic controls for select stationary sources.

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