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EU Smart Metering Group and EU Electrotechnical Standardization Committee to Shape the Future of Energy Consumption

3 February 2009 – Brussels. CENELEC (the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization) and ESMIG (European Smart Metering Industry Group) have signed a cooperation agreement to create standardized tools for energy consumption optimisation in Europe.

CENELEC and ESMIG recognise the value of cooperating in all fields of electrotechnical standardization that are directly or indirectly related to Smart Metering technologies. Contributions by ESMIG to establish and promote consensus on proposed draft specifications will contribute to the ongoing European effort to harmonize Smart Metering activities and specifications. This will foster interoperability and innovation while ensuring full support of the internal market objectives.

The purpose of the agreement is to formalize a cooperative relationship between the parties in standardization activities in areas of common interest. These include quality of service, energy efficiency, energy management, metering, network connections and customer service.

Under the Agreement CENELEC and ESMIG agree to

- formulate advice on current and future standards programmes, e.g. by stating needs and by proposing priorities;
- fully support the legislative framework in the field of Smart Metering through the expertise provided by standardization activities.

Notes for Editors:

About ESMIG

The European Smart Metering Industry Group (ESMIG) was recently set up to provide knowledge and expertise on Smart Metering and related communications at a European level. ESMIG's members are the leading companies in the European Smart Metering Market: meter manufacturers, IT companies and system integrators.



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ESMIG covers all aspects of Smart Metering, including electricity, gas, water, and heat measurement. Member companies cover the entire value chain from meter manufacturing, software, installation, consulting, to communications and system integration. By giving support to European Union Institutions and Member State governments the industry group aims to assist in the development of national and European-wide introduction, rollout and management of Smart Metering solutions.

About CENELEC

The European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization is officially responsible for standardization in the electrotechnical field.

In an ever more global economy, CENELEC fosters innovation and competitiveness, making technology available not only to major businesses but also to SMEs through the production of voluntary standards. CENELEC creates market access at European level but also at international level through its cooperation agreement with the International Electrotechnical Commission(IEC).

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