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Alstom becomes a partner of the Nicolas Hulot Foundation for Nature and Mankind

Patrick Kron, Alstom Chairman and CEO, and Nicolas Hulot, Chairman of the Nicolas Hulot Foundation for Nature and Mankind have signed a partnership convention between Alstom and the Nicolas Hulot Foundation.

The partnership between Alstom and the Nicolas Hulot Foundation will allow both parties to promote constructive debate and improve their respective approaches to tackling key environmental issues in the crucial fields of power generation and transport.

Nicolas Hulot and the experts working with his Foundation—as well as NGOs and related bodies—will provide a vital sounding board for Alstom, which aims to challenge its own approach with the help of highly committed people working outside the economic sphere to overcome environmental challenges. Alstom will, in turn, provide extensive knowledge of economic and technical issues. The partnership takes on even greater importance in the run-up to this year's Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, which it is hoped will lend fresh impetus to government policies to tackle the dangers of global warming.

Alstom is highly committed to developing clean transport and power generation solutions. It provides utilities and operators with technology that allows them to significantly reduce the environmental impact of infrastructure so important to social and economic growth.

In power generation, Alstom paves the way through solutions designed to enable improved energy efficiency (vital in reducing emissions), treat dust and effluent, and capture greenhouse-effect gases. In rail transport, Alstom's solutions provide energy savings along with recyclable, low-polluting rolling stock that significantly reduces congestion on roads and in the urban environment, with high speed inter-city links offering a viable alternative to air travel.

The partnership between Alstom and the Nicolas Hulot Foundation also strengthens work done by Alstom's own Foundation since its creation in 2007. Every year, the Alstom Foundation dedicates €1 million to environmental, educational and social causes around the world championed by its employees in partnership with various associations. In 2010, the Alstom Foundation will support projects in China, India, Thailand, Australia, Brazil, Mexico, Venezuela, Mali and Sudan.

The Nicolas Hulot foundation for Nature and Mankind

For around 20 years, the Nicolas Hulot Foundation for Nature and Mankind has sought to modify the practices of individuals and communities in order to protect the planet. Established in 1990 and recognised as a “utilité publique” by the French State in 1996, this NGO dedicated to environmental protection is apolitical and non-religious. Its programs are guided by a willingness to create a common goal and approach between all society’s stakeholders. In 2009, the Foundation launched “EVOLUTION: CHAPTER 2”, a program which will direct all its initiatives from now on. Supported by a community of more than 500,000 people, the Foundation intends to propose solutions, arouse environmental awareness, mobilise as many people as possible, lobby on behalf of the general public interest and support flagship projects.

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