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### **Twenty Corporations Sign a Voluntary Corporate Pledge to Help Developing and CEIT Countries to Protect the Ozone Layer**

#### **PRESS RELEASE - New Voluntary Pledge Programme - December 1997**

The OzonAction Programme, located at UNEP's Industry and Environment Centre in Paris, France, announced today that twenty corporations have signed a voluntary pledge to assist developing countries and countries with economies in transitions (CEITs) to meet their obligations under the Montreal Protocol to protect the ozone layer.

Although the World is celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol, several issues threaten to undo the Protocol's hard-won achievements. One of the most important issues is the transfer of CFC-based equipment and technology to developing countries and countries with economies in transition (CEITs). This is a concern because the CFC-using technology and equipment increases the dependence of countries on ozone-depleting substances and hinders Government efforts to promote the use of ozone-friendly equipment. In response to this issue, UNEP DTIE's OzonAction Programme initiated the Voluntary Corporate Pledge Programme in early 1997.

The companies that have signed the pledge to date are:

- Bard Heating & Cooling Products
- Calmac Manufacturing
- Carrier Corporation
- Copeland Corporation
- Crispaire Corporation
- DuPont Fluoroproducts
- Emerson Electric Co.
- Goettl Air Conditioning, Inc.
- ICP Corporation
- Johnson Controls, Inc.
- MagicAire Corporation
- Mammoth, Inc.
- Manitowoc Ice, Inc.
- McQuay International Corporation
- Nordyne Corporation
- Outokumpu Copper Franklin, Inc.
- Superior Valve Company
- The Trane Company
- Tyler Refrigeration Corporation
- York International Corporation

The text of the pledge reads:

"Our company has phased out the production and consumption of CFCs to the greatest extent feasible in its global operations. We have encouraged our subsidiaries and joint partnerships to likewise phase out these substances.

"Our company will not manufacture or sell any new CFC-using equipment or technology in developing countries or countries with economies in transition (CEITs), except CFCs produced under the Montreal Protocol essential use exemption.

We will endeavor to promote environmentally friendly technologies in developing and CEIT countries to assist them in meeting the 1999 freeze on CFCs."

Several countries brought this issue to the attention of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol. For example, at the Open-ended Working Group Meeting in June 1997, 12 African nations presented a proposal to regulate the export and import of products, equipment and technology containing CFCs. Zambia reported that the Ministry of Environment was concerned at reports that large quantities of second hand refrigerators were being imported from mainly European countries in a manner which can only be described as dumping of environmentally unfriendly technology. These concerns were addressed by the ninth Meeting of the Parties of the Montreal Protocol in September 1997. The Parties adopted Decision IX/9 which calls on all Parties to

adopt legislative and administrative measures to regulate the export and import of products, equipment, components, and technology relying on CFCs.

The objectives of the voluntary pledge programme are to raise the awareness of corporations and industry associations of the issue of the transfer or sale of CFC-using technology and equipment to developing and CEIT countries; encourage corporations to act in an environmentally-responsible manner and to support the 1999 freeze of CFCs in developing and CEIT countries; and decrease the incidence of transfer or sale of CFC-using equipment and technology in developing and CEIT countries by corporations.

UNEP DTIE will conduct outreach to corporations through industry associations in both developed and developing countries to commit to the objectives of the Protocol through voluntary corporate pledges; communicate the involvement of corporations and associations in the programme and results of activities through the OzonAction Newsletter and Industry and Environment Review, UNEP DTIE world wide web site and conferences and Meetings of the Parties of the Montreal Protocol; and follow-up regularly with industry associations and corporations on pledge commitments.

This programme is part of the information exchange services provided by UNEP DTIE to developing and CEIT countries to help them meet their obligations under the Montreal Protocol. The OzonAction Programme also provides other clearinghouse services (Training & Networking of ODS Officers) as well as assistance with the development of national ODS phase out strategies (Country Programmes) and Institutional Strengthening support.

For further information on the voluntary corporate pledge programme or to sign on to the programme, please contact Rajendra M. Shende, OzonAction Programme Coordinator, UNEP DTIE, by telephone at 33-1-4437-1450, fax at 33-1-4437-1474, email at [ozonaction@unep.fr](mailto:ozonaction@unep.fr), or web at <http://www.uneptie.org/ozone/home.html>.

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