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Press release

“Heat pumps on track towards becoming approved technology for renewable energy”

Heat pumps are well on track towards becoming approved technology for renewable energy. This is the firm opinion of Adam Fjaestad, the Head of Research and Development for Thermia, who has just returned from Brussels following his address to the European Parliament.

“I felt that Thermia’s message, “as long as you are able to extract more energy than you put in, the heat source should be considered a renewable energy source” was well received. There were about 30 people from different nations at the hearing where my message was also endorsed by a number of independent participants,” says Adam Fjaestad, who, as the only representative for the heat pump manufacturers, had just ten minutes in which to present his and Thermia’s case.

“I was asked quite a lot of questions that had various angles of approach. At the end of the hearing, it seemed that everyone was in agreement that heat pump technology is renewable and there is a good likelihood that the message will be incorporated into a directive to the member states – however, it’s still too early to be certain.”

A directive would have many positive consequences:

“It would be good for Thermia and other heat pump manufacturers, as well as for our environment and the consumers. Emissions of carbon dioxide can be reduced considerably over time by replacing oil-fired heating with heat pumps – and a heat pump can reduce the average family’s heating bill by around 75%.”

“As far as the heat pump industry is concerned, it would mean an upward trend in sales, especially in Europe’s member states. This would naturally lead to new job opportunities,” Adam Fjaestad says in conclusion.

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Images of Adam Fjaestad in Brussels, the Research Centre, other people, products, etc. are available for free publication at:

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Key facts about Thermia:

Thermia's heat pumps make use of the natural energy in rock, ground and air and can reduce building heating costs by more than two thirds. Thermia is a member of the Danfoss Group and has a turnover of just over 600 MSEK and employs about 270 people. Thermia's head office is located in Arvika in Sweden.

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