



PV CYCLE and RETELA to partner on PV module take-back and recycling in the Czech Republic

Major WEEE-scheme to become service partner of PV CYCLE

Prague, April 25, 2013 – PV CYCLE and the Czech WEEE-scheme RETELA today announced that they have started to collaborate in the area of PV module take-back and recycling in the Czech Republic. Bringing RETELA’s unmatched expertise on board for PV waste execution in the Czech Republic will better enable PV CYCLE to serve Czech PV value chain actors under the current Waste Act.

“We are excited to closely work with a strong partner like RETELA to help design a viable PV waste treatment sector in the Czech Republic,” said Jan Clyncke, Managing Director of PV CYCLE. “With RETELA we have found a partner capable of meeting our particularly high environmental and technological standards, allowing us to continue our mission of providing PV value chain actors across Europe with sustainable and cost-effective take-back and recycling solutions.”

“We are very proud to collaborate with PV CYCLE on PV waste management in the Czech Republic,” said Jaroslav Vladik, Managing Director of RETELA and President of WEEELABEX. “PV CYCLE has demonstrated thought leadership role by establishing a PV take-back and recycling solution and setting the benchmark for sustainable and cost-effective PV waste management.”

Within the collaboration, RETELA will take on operative and administrative take-back and recycling duties for PV Producers and plant operators in the Czech Republic. Playing an advisory role, PV CYCLE will bring its expertise in PV waste management to the collaboration and will help in the strategic setting of RETELA’s PV value proposition for the Czech waste market.

As of March 2013, Czech Republic-based PV Producers – as defined by the WEEE Directive – have to register their company and provide, via a recognized Czech WEEE-scheme, a sufficient financial guarantee for the PV modules they put on the market as from January 1, 2013 onwards. For PV modules put on the market before January 1, 2013, PV plant operators must conclude an agreement with a recognized Czech WEEE-scheme for the financing of the collection and treatment of their PV modules by June 30, 2013.

Note to editors

About PV CYCLE

Founded in 2007 as a not-for-profit association, PV CYCLE ensures that its members’ discarded end-of-life photovoltaic (PV) modules are collected and recycled in a sustainable and cost-effective way. As today’s leading take-back and recycling solution for all types of PV technologies, PV CYCLE plays a pivotal role in enabling the PV industry to execute its waste treatment





obligations in the EU27 countries. For more information, visit www.pvcycle.org or view our [online photo gallery](#). You can also find PV CYCLE on [YouTube](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

About RETELA

RETELA, Ltd. was established in order to run a collective scheme in the Czech Republic in May 2005. The only owner and founder of RETELA is the Czech and Moravian Electrical and Electronic Association (CMEEA). Starting its main activity in mid-2005, our scheme has been developing a network of logistic and treatment partners, collection places (whether municipal or at retailers) as well as transport companies, which have been jointly ensuring services for almost 1,100 manufactures and importers - our clients - in the Czech Republic. It shall be highlighted that RETELA's system is open for clients of all 10 EEE categories. Non-for-profit policy is given in status of the RETELA Company. RETELA became a member of the WEEE Forum in January 2006 and is a founding member of the in April 2013 established WEEELABEX Organization.

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