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## CELEBRATIONS OF THE WORLD DAY FOR ENVIRONMENT

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TROPICAL S.A. participated to the exhibition for the celebrations of the world day of environment on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2006 with the slogan "Gain oxygen. Use the Mass Public Transportation", which was organized from the Ministry of Transport, presenting the First Greek 4-seated hydrogen vehicle "GreenCar".



Minister of Transportation, Mr M. Liapis, was informed by Mr. Lagios, President of Tropical S.A. about the activities of the Greek research team concerning the development of vehicles (scooters, cars, trucks, buses, etc) that are operating with (or will operate) with hydrogen fuel cell engines and about alternative fuels such as hydrogen, biofuels, ethanol, methanol, etc.

The GreenCar was inaugurated from the Minister of Transportation, Mr. M. Liapis, and also presented electric Scooter's and ATV's that also have the capability to operate with hydrogen fuel cells.

At the end of the official openings, the Greek research team that participates also at the Joint Technology Initiative (JTI) on the European Hydrogen Platform, presented the pre-study for the development of a Hydrogen MiniBus as well as a model of the First Hydrogen MiniBus which will be operated at the inner city of Athens.



"GreenCar" is the First Greek 4-seated hydrogen vehicle which was constructed in Greece from Tropical S.A..

The engine is innovative, friendly, noiseless and providing zero emissions using the fuel of the future, Hydrogen.



"Hydrogen Minibus" uses hydrogen as a fuel, the fuel of the future. It is a vehicle that is friendly to the environment and with zero emissions as well as noiseless.

It was designed for the needs of the inner city (city centers) where the distances are small and the embarkation / disembarkation from the passengers is often.

Mr. M. Liapis, was sight-seeing at the area of the exhibition, at the Syntagma Square Metro Station, where the activities of different transport carriers of Athens for friendly means of transport in the center.

During his sight-seeing, the Ministry of Transportation was inaugurated the First Greek 4-seated hydrogen vehicle "GreenCar" of Tropical S.A., he was informed from the research teams for the pioneering programs which are applied for the motion of vehicles using alternative fuels and finally for the vehicle hybrid technology.

At the end of the exhibition the Minister of Transportation officially announced that a diesel engine minibus (which is operating at the moment in the center of Athens) will be provided to the Greek research team so as to convert it into the First Hydrogen Minibus of our country.