DOE Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Program Record

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Table 1: Number of fuel cell deployments (installed and on-order) for applications in material handling equipment (MHE).

	DOE Funded ¹ (ARRA) as of 9/30/2013	DOE Funded ²⁻⁴ (Appropriations) as of 9/30/2013	DOE Total	Industry Funded or on Order (U.S.) ²⁻⁹ From 2009 – Record Date	DOE and Industry Total From 2009 – Record Date
Number of MHE Deployments (current & planned)	504	189	693	5,394	6,087

The successful deployment of nearly 700 U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) fuel cell material handling units has led to almost 5,400 industry installation and on order units with no DOE funding.

Data/Assumptions/Calculations:

Total DOE American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) investment for these fuel cell powered lift trucks is about \$9.7M, with an industry cost share of \$11.8M. The DOE Fuel Cell Technologies (FCT) Office has estimated that the nearly 700 fuel cell powered lift trucks deployed with DOE cost share led to almost 5,400 orders/deployments with no DOE funding. As industry continues to place orders and deploy units, DOE will revise its records and determine actual orders filled/units commissioned as a result of initial DOE funding (Market Transformation and ARRA projects).

The manufacturers providing the fuel cells for the deployments (installed and on-order) mentioned in Table 1 are:

¹ ARRA funding supported deployments in MHE for: FedEx Freight East; GENCO with deployments at Coca Cola, Kimberly Clark, Sysco Philadelphia, Wegmans, and Whole Foods Market; Nuvera Fuel Cells with deployments at H-E-B Grocery. Funds included units as well as other aspects of the projects such as infrastructure, training, installation, data collection, analysis, and reporting.

Hydrogenics	Oorja Protonics
Nuvera Fuel Cells	Plug Power, Inc.

In 2011, Plug Power announced the next generation of its GenDrive® fuel cell products for electric lift trucks and committed to purchase a minimum of 3,250 fuel cell stacks by the end of 2011 from Ballard Power Systems. Plug Power also announced its intent to partner with Axane, an Air Liquide subsidiary, to better penetrate the European forklift market, which the company estimates to include an installed base of 2,000,000 forklifts and 325,000 annual unit sales. 11

As of October 2013, examples of companies that have purchased or ordered fuel cell powered lift trucks are as follows:

Ace Hardware	FedEx Freight	Proctor and Gamble
Baldor Specialty Foods	Golden State Foods	Stihl
BMW Manufacturing Co.	Kimberly-Clark/GENCO	Sysco Foods
Bridgestone-Firestone	Kroger Co.	Testa Produce
Central Grocers	Lowes	United Natural Foods, Inc. (UNFI)
Coca-Cola	Martin-Brower	U.S. Foodservice
CVS	Mercedes	Walmart
EARP Distribution	Nestle Waters	Wegmans
East Penn Manufacturing	Nissan North America	WinCo Foods, LLC

Based on OEM feedback, it was determined that their purchase orders for deployments were considered either directly or indirectly due to results of the DOE FCT Office. This includes both Market Transformation and ARRA deployment funding. In some instances, companies increased the number of purchases beyond those with DOE funds assistance. In other instances, the OEMs were able to show the business case using data collected from DOE projects and obtained purchase orders with no DOE funding. The list only includes deployments that can be traced to DOE FCT Office involvement.

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ⁱⁱ Units not accounted for in the publically available literature were obtained through personal communications with industry. This Record and supporting information were peer-reviewed by NREL's National Fuel Cell Technology Evaluation Center in October 2013