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Methane – the world's first ecolabelled fuel

As the search for alternative fuels continues, the Nordic Ecolabel today announced the first ecolabelled fuel. Methane from the Swedish company FordonsGas Sverige AB is the world's first ecolabelled fuel, having fulfilled the rigorous criteria of the Nordic Ecolabel.

"We believe that our receipt of this ecolabel will increase interest within the automotive industry for alternative fuels, which is of critical importance both for our company and for the environment", says Bo Ramberg, CEO FordonsGas Sverige AB.

"The use of methane as fuel has increased in several countries and I am convinced that methane will be an important factor in reaching our goal to substitute fossil fuels for renewable fuels", says Anders Wijkman, a Member of the European Parliament who sits on the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.



The interest in methane-powered cars has risen exponentially in Sweden. 15,000 cars and buses in Sweden use methane, an increase of 60% over the past few years. In Sweden, methane for fuel is a 50/50 mixture of fossil natural gas and biogas from digestion plants.

"Our goal is to help guide the way for future alternative fuels. Nordic Ecolabelled fuels are a much better alternative to petrol than fossil fuels, with proven reduced impact on the climate. We also hope to contribute to the development of more sustainable farming and increase the possibilities for better social and work conditions", says Ragnar Unge, CEO at the Swedish Nordic Ecolabel company.

The Nordic Ecolabel has requirements for the entire product lifecycle from the raw materials to the finished product, in this case the fuel that is available to consumers at petrol stations.

The most essential requirements for Nordic Ecolabelled fuels are:

- Reduction of emissions that negatively affect global warming and climate change
- An absolute threshold value to the amount of CO₂ that may be released to the atmosphere during the entire lifecycle of the fuel
- Restrictions on the total energy used at the production stage
- Traceability of crops and certified sustainable farming
- Defined limitations on health effects of these fuels

Nordic Ecolabel

The Nordic Ecolabel's vision is a sustainable society in which future generations can benefit from the same conditions and opportunities as we ourselves have. Our goal is to contribute to sustainable consumerism. The Nordic Ecolabel was established in 1989 as the official Nordic environmental award and is given to products and services that fulfil stringent environmental criteria.

FordonsGas Sverige AB

FordonsGas Sverige AB was founded 1998. We run gas filling stations in Sweden but also work towards more vehicle owners choosing gas to run their vehicles instead of petrol or diesel. We currently operate 28 gas filling stations in the west of Sweden. FordonsGas Sverige AB is the market leader in Sweden selling methane to cars and small trucks. www.fordonsgas.se

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