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Fuel Saving Flywheel Technology for Rubber Tired Gantry Cranes in World Ports

White Paper Discusses Reducing Fuel Consumption Through Use of Flywheel Energy Storage System

LOS ANGELES – APRIL 21, 2008 — Port operators around the world are actively searching for ways to reduce the amount of diesel fuel used in running Rubber Tired Gantry (RTG) cranes. The need is spurred by the increasing cost of fuel and the global concern for the reduction of greenhouse gasses.

A new white paper released by VYCON®, in conjunction with Yantian International Container Terminal (YICT) in Shenzhen, China, and Hutchison Port Holdings in Hong Kong, presents the findings of a three phase test to determine the amount of fuel savings realized by utilizing VYCON's REGEN® flywheel energy storage system on a typical RTG crane.

The REGEN System is a technology that when installed on a RTG crane, creates a hybrid power system by capturing the regenerated energy from the hoist cycle. Testing confirmed considerable fuel savings under various operating conditions, which should provide port operators positive, validated, data to deploy the REGEN System on both retrofit and new crane applications.

"We are very satisfied with the REGEN test results reported to us at YICT and Hutchison in a real world situation." said Frank DeLattre, CSO (Chief Sales Officer) at VYCON. "These tests validate our flywheel energy technology and the benefits it can provide to terminal operators around the world that are struggling with the increased cost of fuel and the pressure to reduce emissions."

About VYCON

VYCON is an innovator in the design and manufacturing of technologically advanced flywheel energy storage systems that enable a highly reliable, cost-effective and "Green" energy storage solution for a variety of applications. VYCON's products are applied in the power quality markets to provide back-up power in mission critical applications and in the energy re-cycling markets for capturing and regenerating energy in crane, electric rail and distributed generation applications. VYCON is a publicly listed company on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange and is headquartered in Orange County, Calif.

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