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University Students Turn Innovative Energy Ideas Into Reality

- Trane named official partner of the Energy2B Program for Technical University of Lodz-

WARSAW, October 26, 2010 – Knowledge of innovative and green energy solutions and designs is key for students who want to enter today's professional life. Now, through the Energy2B program being launched in October, students at the Technical University of Lodz and four other universities across Europe will be able to turn their theoretical knowledge and ideas into reality. Trane, a business of Ingersoll Rand, is proud to serve as the official partner of this stimulating initiative.

During the program Trane will provide "real life energy challenges" to be reviewed and solved by the students. Trane experts will evaluate the submitted ideas and solutions enabling the young professionals to augment their theoretical knowledge with practical expertise.

The Energy2B project is driven by three main objectives:

- promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy awareness,
- stimulating entrepreneurship for the advancement of knowledge and technology and
- shaping young people as the change leaders and decision makers of tomorrow.

Through its partnership with the Technical University of Lodz and Energy2B project, Trane will submit energy challenges for the students to conduct and the results will be reviewed to select national winners. The winners will go on to compete with winners of four other European countries - United Kingdom, Portugal, Slovenia and Bulgaria. Ten winning innovations will be selected across Europe for showcasing in upcoming exhibitions. They also will be transformed into eco-energy innovations.

"We already had the opportunity to cooperate with Trane when Pawel Markiton visited our university in June and lectured the students on the importance of green and sustainable buildings in today's economic and physical environment," said Marcin Janicki project coordinator at the Technical University of Lodz. "Now with Trane partnering with the Energy2B project, our students will have the possibility to deal with real energy challenges provided by Trane experts."

"Trane promotes energy efficiency, sustainability and green energy awareness with students as well as organizations around Poland," said Pawel Markiton, leader for systems, controls and contracting for Trane Central Territory. "Partnering with the Energy2B project is a natural continuation of our commitment to the education of our future business leaders."

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About Energy2B project

Project Energy2B is an initiative that targets university students and encourages them to turn energy innovation ideas into reality via new business start-ups. The project's infrastructure will be facilitated by a newly created web platform, which will enable creative competitions at national and European levels. Ten local competitions for energy innovation ideas are offered on the Energy2B platform in five European countries (United Kingdom, Portugal, Poland, Slovenia and Bulgaria). The best energy innovations are selected for boot camp and follow up services given by energy/business planning investment experts in the five countries. In parallel, two European idea competitions are organized, leading to the creation of energy innovations that have the potential to be funded for start-up. Ten of the best energy innovations will be showcased at local and European exhibitions and efforts made to facilitate the transformation of student ideas into "eco energy" innovations. Project Energy2B is co-funded by the European Commission program Intelligent Energy Europe (program area: intelligent energy education initiative). For more information, visit www.energy2b.eu

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About Technical University of Lodz (TUL)

The Technical University of Lodz (TUL) came into existence in 1945, initially with three faculties of mechanical engineering, electrical engineering and chemistry. Today the university has nine faculties, 70 institutes and departments and 120 specializations. In 1992 the International Faculty of Engineering was set up with English and French as its languages of instruction. TUL offers the following degrees: Bachelor of Art, Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and Doctorate of Philosophy. There are 20,000 students and approximately 3,000 staff members at the University.

About Engineering Better Careers, Engineering Better Environments

Through the "Engineering Better Careers, Engineering Better Environments" program, Trane senior executives collaborate with faculty and administrators to inspire the next generation of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) engineers. Executives visit campuses in person to share information and insights with students about real world engineering and business issues and the impact that students can have today. Along with these visits, Trane supports students and faculty by enriching engineering curriculum and creating clubs that encourage hands-on and experiential learning. Trane often offers software and lab equipment at a low and reduced cost; guides classroom curriculum, student projects and clubs; sponsors field study trips to sales and manufacturing locations; and offers student internships.

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