

Historic Agreement in the Kingdom of Morocco for green mobility!

The region and the City of Marrakech have chosen STOR-H by Aaqius to become the first "zero-carbon" mobility territory in the world



Marrakech, 5 October 2017 - On 3 October, AAQIUS, an innovative global company developing disruptive projects for green mobility and zero-carbon energy, thanks to hydrogen, has signed a very ambitious agreement with the City of Marrakech, the Region of Marrakech-Safi, the University of Marrakech and IRESEN [Research Institute for Solar Energy and New Energies].

Aziz Rabbah, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Sustainable Development, presided over the ceremony, in the presence of the Consul General of France in Marrakech, Mr. Philippe Casenave and Mr. Sami Zerelli, the Honorary Chairman of the Swiss Chamber of Commerce in Morocco and representative of His Excellency the Ambassador of Switzerland to the Kingdom of Morocco. Many national and regional media representatives were present for the occasion, which led to several interviews with Stéphane Aver.



The five actors are committed to seeing the City of Marrakech completely and quickly transform its urban mobility, which is, today, dependent on too many internal combustion engine cars. Although electric engines have been preferred, the choice was made to call on AAQIUS, which offers STOR-H; its breakthrough hydrogen technology for zero-carbon mobility. Coupled with new local renewable energy production plants, this energy vector is very simple to use. Zero-carbon, these cartridges can also be used to avoid having to create new infrastructure (electric outlet networks in the public domain) and do not load the electrical network during hours of peak consumption. Mr. Ahmed Akhchichine, the President of the Region of Marrakech Safi, explained: *"The City of Marrakech is appreciated for the sense of well-being that one feels there... but this is threatened by modes of transport which threaten this quality of life. The quality of the air is deteriorating rapidly. We must take action on*



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mobility tools. Today, with AAQIUS, we are tackling the greatest challenge, that of 2-wheeled vehicles". Mr. Mohamed Larbi BELKAID, the Mayor of the City of Marrakech, added: "For us, this project is one of the most important ones after COP22. It concerns local mobility, which is a problem for us in Marrakech".



The agreement that was signed complements the commitments made by the local authorities in the field of green energies, in the framework of COP22, last November. It will make Marrakech the first city in the world to go to zero-carbon hydrogen mobility on a large scale. Already, we are talking about more than 20,000 scooters, without counting of course, the small delivery trucks and many other vehicles. Many of those will be manufactured in the region, and many young people will be trained to do this and will

find a job.

During the ceremony, Mr. Aziz Rabbah said: "The Moroccan State is heavily involved in support for research and the university. The climate is an opportunity for developing countries in the new global economic dynamic. We are going to experience technological surprises. But this partnership is not only technological, we also need agreements with business, with the best models. What we are interested in is projects that create value. We strongly support this excellent initiative".



"I am pleased that this hydrogen and fuel cell project is at the heart of the partnership project with AAQIUS. Our university is committed to urban mobility, taking ownership of technology and anticipating in economic terms", explained Mr. Abdellatif MIRAOUI, the Chairman of Cadi Ayyad University in Marrakech. Badr IKKEN, Director General of the Research Institute for Solar Energy and New Energies, added: "We support this great project, it is the future of sustainable mobility, in combination with renewable energies, I thank you and congratulate you".



Mr. Stéphane AVER, the Chairman of AAQIUS, concluded: "Store-H is the fruit of collaboration between researchers on a worldwide scale which has allowed us to develop 155 patents, in 10 years. The strength of the concept is to provide genuine local development. It is by training young people that it creates the sustainable economy of tomorrow. It is possible to move over to zero-carbon. The Kingdom of Morocco has demonstrated that it was feasible in production. Here, in Marrakech, we are providing proof that hydrogen technology is effective, profitable and ecological, and thanks to our safe low-pressure cartridge".

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