

ETG Joins Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves to Bring Clean, Portable Energy to Developing Countries

Switching to Clean, Modern Cooking and Lighting Fuels Can Significantly Improve the Health of Families, Reduce Deforestation and Empower Women

NEW YORK CITY (1 June 2011) – ETG has joined the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves (GACC) as an implementation partner, ETG announced today.

ETG has formed an LP gas (LPG) industry and international aid agency consortium that is focused on enabling large-scale, sustainable migration of consumers and businesses in the developing world from fuels with serious health and deforestation consequences, like wood, charcoal and kerosene, to safer, clean-burning, portable LP gas.

Said ETG President Alex Evans, “The [consortium’s] mission is to contribute to social, economic and health development of qualified developing countries by assisting their populations to switch from biomass or kerosene to LPG as the primary consumer fuel.” Other developing-world applications for LPG include lighting, power generators and crop drying.

The GACC, led by the UN Foundation, has set a goal of “100 by ’20”: 100 million homes to adopt clean and efficient stoves and fuels by 2020.

Exposure to smoke from traditional cookstoves and open fires—the primary means of cooking and heating for nearly three billion people in the developing world—causes 1.9 million premature deaths annually, with women and young children the most affected.

The main societal benefits of large-scale coordinated migration to LPG as a primary cooking and lighting fuel include:

- Health improvement from reduction in inhaled indoor particulate pollutants/toxins;
- Improved safety during use and storage (compared with kerosene);
- Significant reduction in labor time spent on fuel-gathering (particularly by women);
- Large reduction in deforestation (compared with wood/charcoal);
- Job creation in local communities; and
- Reduction in CO₂ and black carbon emissions.

About The ETG Companies

The ETG family of companies is a diversified global business group that partners with host governments, major corporations, and international organizations to develop, finance and operate businesses, partnerships and projects worldwide in energy, technology, infrastructure and logistics. Additional information may be found at www.etgglobal.com.

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