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The Ministry for the Environment in Iceland has approved of the following text.

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On the 20th October 2000 the Minister for the Environment, Siv Fríðleifsdóttir, went onboard the Icelandic trawler Sturlaugur Bodvarsson AK10 and took part in the handing over of an Icelandic invention that reduces emissions from diesel engines,

The emission control device or combustion enhancer is installed into the fuel line to the engine and changes the combustion process so that combustion of the fuel is improved without reducing engine power.

The emissions control or combustion enhancement device, from COMTEC, enhances the combustion process so that less fuel is required to obtain the same power output from the engine and at the same time reduces emissions.

There will be a reduction in CO2 emissions that will be proportional to the reduction in fuel consumption.

Testing of the device by the Technical Department of the Fisheries Association, LIU and the school for marine engineers, with financial support from the Ministry for the Environment, indicated that yearly fuel savings for a medium sized trawler would be about 5% or approx US\$10,000 to US\$13,000 at current fuel prices.

It is most important for the fishing fleet to reduce fuel consumption by all possible means. Installation of the combustion enhancement device on Sturlaugur Bodvarsson AK10 shows a positive attitude on the part of the owners to do their best to meet this requirement.

The Ministry encourages all Icelandic ship owners and operators to reduce fuel consumption and the emissions of greenhouse gases. To achieve this the Ministry encourages Icelandic ship owners and operators to consider the use of all available or developing technologies and methods.

The Ministry for the Environment is encouraged to know that an Icelandic invention, the COMTEC device, could be used to reduce fuel consumption and emissions of greenhouse gases.

15th November 2000:-

On the 20th December 2000 the Icelandic Ministry for the Environment confirmed its approval of the following statement. "By issuing the press release number 21/2000 dated the 20th October 2000 the Ministry for the Environment has recognised the benefits of the COMTEC emissions control device and approved of its use".

5th December 2000

You can state that Sjávarútvegsstofnun University of Iceland has included COMTEC in its introductions of technical innovations to reduce fossil fuel emissions.

The Fisheries Institute, University of Iceland, is pleased by the decision of Icelandic fishing companies to fit the COMTEC emissions control device to trawlers, ships and oil fired furnaces. The importance to use fuel efficiently and reduce emissions is becoming clearer day by day, not only with regards to the fuel costs, but also the demands to reduce the emissions from the burning of hydrocarbon fuels.

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