

# HORIBA FuelCon makes a statement of intent with expansion of its facility at Barleben

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## HORIBA acquires additional land for future plant expansion in response to the increasing global demand for HORIBA FuelCon solutions

HORIBA FuelCon, a wholly owned German subsidiary of HORIBA and part of the HORIBA Automotive Test Systems division has announced its intent to expand its business with the acquisition of 29,000m<sup>2</sup> of land next to its current R&D and manufacturing facility in Barleben, Germany.

HORIBA FuelCon is a leading manufacturer of battery and fuel cell test systems used for R&D, series development and production verification. With the continued migration to alternative forms of clean propulsion technologies, HORIBA FuelCon is witnessing an unprecedented demand for its technology from a range of global markets, resulting in the need for it to increase its manufacturing footprint.

Atsushi Horiba, Chairman and Group CEO, HORIBA Ltd announced “the increasing demand on vehicle manufacturer’s to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> and exhaust emissions continues to encourage the automotive industry to invest in battery and fuel cell technology. HORIBA FuelCon is assisting them in overcoming the associated technical challenges through the application of our battery and fuel cell validation solutions. Increasing demand is such that we have to expand our plant to meet demand and I am very pleased to be increasing our footprint at our home in Barleben.”

With 9 years of manufacturing history at its current facility close to Magdeburg, the acquisition of prime industrial land in close proximity to the existing factory will allow for an expansion in manufacturing capacity that will result in minimal disruption to staff and customer operations. Following the sale of FuelCon to HORIBA in 2018, the FuelCon business is thriving and supporting HORIBA with its goal of helping the industry develop cleaner and more efficient vehicles.

### About HORIBA

Headquartered in Kyoto, Japan, the HORIBA Group is a world-leading manufacturer of measuring instruments and systems for automotive testing, process and environmental engineering, medical diagnostics and semiconductor manufacturing. HORIBA also offers a wide range of molecular and elementary analytical instrumentation for research, quality control and laboratory analysis.

### HORIBA Automotive Test Systems

As part of the global HORIBA Group, HORIBA Automotive Test Systems (ATS) has established itself as a leader in engine, powertrain and vehicle test bench systems. HORIBA ATS offers its customers individual components and systems right up to turnkey complete solutions. HORIBA supplies manufacturers and suppliers in every branch of industry that uses electric, combustion and turbine engines. These essentially compile the automotive, commercial vehicle and off-road industry, suppliers of consumer goods, naval, aerospace and the rail vehicle industry.

### About FuelCon

HORIBA FuelCon is a global leading supplier of test systems for fuel cells and batteries. For years, the name has been recognized for innovative engineering, high quality, the highest safety standards and close consultation with its customers. With testing systems for fuel cells HORIBA FuelCon offers optimal solutions for all typical technologies such as PEM or SOFC with a power range up to 250+ kW. In addition, innovative test systems for evaluating electrolysers are also available. With the “Evaluator-B” series HORIBA FuelCon has developed a concept that fulfils the challenging testing requirements of modern batteries in R&D as well as in production, with high accuracy and flexibility.

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