



The following companies announce the creation of “**RECHARGE**”, the European Portable Rechargeable Battery Association.

Sanyo Component Europe GmbH  
Robert Bosch GmbH  
Thomas & Betts  
Inco Ltd  
Inmetco

Black and Decker  
Cooper Menvier  
Uniross  
ICdA  
Falconbridge Ltd

Saft S.A.  
Accurec GmbH  
SNAM  
Nickel Institute

**RECHARGE** has taken over all of the activities of CollectNiCad and has expanded its scope to cover all portable rechargeable batteries.

The objectives of **RECHARGE** are to

- promote the advantages of Portable Rechargeable Batteries,
- promote collection & recycling of Portable Rechargeable Batteries,
- represent interests of all members of the chain of battery life: manufacturers, assemblers, OEMs, distributors, collectors & recyclers.

**RECHARGE** will concentrate on establishing a link between Portable Rechargeable Battery technologies and their life cycle including raw materials used in battery production, manufacturing, assembling, end users, collection and recycling.

The new Association is open to all companies with business interests in the portable rechargeable battery market.

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