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## The LieCat

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October is dead, taking with it any hope I had that Andrea Rossi would deliver on yet another claim. For some time now, it has been obvious to most that Rossi cannot be trusted. Even his supporters admit he lies as they excuse him for one reason or another. In business, gaining such a reputation can be damaging but not always fatal. If you are new to this saga, I urge you to sample eCatNews archives. This accusatory post does not come from a pseudo-sceptic but from someone who has spent countless hours for the best part of two years living in hope of an eCat breakthrough. Despite some discomfort, I allowed all sides of the argument to air in an attempt to immunise myself and other readers from our own ignorance. Even so, and despite a constant plea for caution, I retained a small measure of hope that the gathering signs were wrong. I can no longer ignore the fact that Andrea Rossi is acting like a fraudster.

I have no idea if he is conducting a criminal enterprise but he is certainly performing a good impression of doing so. Since I remain hopeful about LENR as a whole, I give small measure to the dream that he has something less than he claims but still interesting. I would not bank on that but dream anyway. Each time some deadline approaches, he changes tack, often making ever-increasing outlandish claims that have become tiringly predictable. The man is a liar and if you give him money on the strength of his word you are more trusting than me. I value trust more than money. Some people value money above everything. If you are more trusting than me, then you are a saint. Over the life of eCatNews, I conducted an [experiment in honesty](#), abandoning 10,000 copies of my novel on the streets, remote paths, mountain tops, park benches, bus stops and hundreds of other locations around Scotland. Over 800 strangers found and then jumped through hoops to pay for their copy. I would trust any of them but I would not trust Rossi.

We are led to believe that five years ago he was heating his factory in Italy with a multi-kW eCat, implying a robust, safe and commercially viable product. Two years ago, he told us that he had a secret customer and was under an NDA preventing him from revealing who it was. In October last year, another secret customer bought the 1MW plant. At various stages we have been told about up to 13 1MW plants and given assurances that he would soon reveal all. This is almost exactly what he said in 2010. The million-unit factory appears to have been forgotten and recently we were told that the University of Bologna would conduct and publish the results of independent tests in mid-October. While it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that such a test has now happened, I put my new belief in his inability to tell the truth above the remote possibility that he will deliver on that or any other promise of substance.

To the hard sceptics – you were right. To the pseudosceps – I am no longer confident in that label although you still puzzle me. Proclaimed certainty in an uncertain sphere puzzles me. While I have come to side with your view of Rossi and Defkalion, I am far from convinced when anyone rules with absolute confidence against LENR. To my fellow bloggers, we do our readers a disservice if we do not continue to examine our own prejudices and be as ready to change our views as we urge the deniers to do. Many people scoff at the power of these blogs but they are wrong. It is all too easy to become a useful idiot to one side or the other. Real people get hurt. Stand back, look at your history – what you got right and what you got wrong – and learn from it.

I really do hope that my conclusions are in error. If so, I will gladly apologise. The world needs a miracle more than anyone's misplaced pride. Until then, if you have given this man money, it is time to push him hard. Do not give him anything unless any promise he makes is accompanied by hard evidence. The first people to prod Madoff got their money back before it all collapsed. You have been warned.

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