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Faurecia, part of Group FORVIA, selected to partner on the hydrogen fuel cell research project, “Bavarian fleet”, with MAN

Faurecia, part of the world’s leading automotive technology Group FORVIA, announced today that the Company will equip a Bavarian fleet (“Bayernflotte”) of heavy-duty trucks provided by MAN with complete hydrogen storage systems, as part of a state-supported fuel cell research project.

For this project, backed with about 7 million euros funding from Bavarian Ministry of Economic Affairs, Regional Development and Energy, Faurecia, part of Group FORVIA, will develop and seek certification for a new size of tank perfectly adapted to meet the requirements of heavy-duty vehicles and other applications with intensive use cases. This type of extra-large system can store an increased amount of hydrogen, delivering a higher autonomy. This hydrogen storage system prototype will be developed in the R&D center of Augsburg (Germany).

Starting mid-2024, five selected customers will test these hydrogen-powered fuel cell trucks in real-life operations for one year, operating in the Bavarian region between Nuremberg and Munich.

Bavaria offers a very favorable hydrogen ecosystem and strong support of the Bavarian government, which has set major objectives to decarbonate industry and mobility. The Bavarian state is heavily promoting research, development, and applications in the field of hydrogen technology, and heavy-duty mobility is an important milestone in Bavaria’s hydrogen strategy.

Yves Andres, FORVIA Clean Mobility Executive Vice-President declared: *“With hydrogen storage systems, we are proud to provide solutions for the energy transition. This project is an additional step for our hydrogen development in Germany, with strong technology and public partnerships in commercial vehicles applications. We appreciate this support and are proud to be part of this German and Bavarian ecosystem.”*

For this project, FORVIA Clean Mobility brings its experience and know-how in terms of hydrogen storage system and its expertise in developing full systems adapted to packaging constraints. The storage solution makes no compromise in terms of payload, available space, and autonomy.

Present in Germany with its R&D center and regional headquarter based in Augsburg, FORVIA Clean Mobility is investing to develop an additional team dedicated to hydrogen expertise in Germany. This investment results from the increasing needs of German customers from industry and transport to decarbonize their activities.

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About Faurecia

Founded in 1997, Faurecia has grown to become a major player in the global automotive industry. With 266 industrial sites, 39 R&D centers and 114,000 employees in 35 countries, Faurecia is a global leader in its four areas of business: seating, interiors, Clarion Electronics and clean mobility. The Group's strong technological offering provides carmakers with solutions for the cockpit of the future and sustainable mobility. In 2020, the Group reported total turnover of €14.7 billion. Faurecia is listed on the Euronext Paris market and is a component of the CAC Next 20 index www.faurecia.com

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