

Press release

GP JOULE and Paul Group seal cooperation on the supply of PH2P® Trucks with Hydrogen Fuel Cell Drive System

The first Paul Group trucks are to be delivered to GP JOULE at the end of this year.

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Together, GP JOULE and Paul Group are driving the transport revolution in freight transport: In an agreement sealed at the transport logistic trade fair in Munich, the energy transition company and the vehicle manufacturer decided on a cooperation in which the Paul Group will take over the delivery and maintenance of PH2P® trucks with fuel cell drive as well as H2 training. GP JOULE will supply the hydrogen as well as expand the H2 infrastructure - and pass the vehicles on to its customers.

The first H2 trucks are to be delivered from the end of 2023. However, the strategic partnership between the two companies goes beyond the H2 truck delivery and is to be deepened and expanded in the long term. Further joint service offers are planned.

"Special vehicle construction is our speciality," says Bernhard Wasner, Managing Director of the Paul Group. "We recognised the signs of the times several years ago and expanded our forms of propulsion to include battery-electric and hydrogen-powered trucks in addition to the tried-and-tested diesel engine. Under our 'Transforming Trucking' programme, we think of sustainable solutions holistically and entrepreneurially. The cooperation with a reliable innovative medium-sized partner with a focus on sustainable energy like GP JOULE was a logical conclusion - also to continue the planned small-scale production start of the PH2P® and the ramp-up of hydrogen truck production!"

André Steinau, Managing Director of GP JOULE HYDROGEN explains: "In addition to green hydrogen and the refuelling infrastructure, we also want to provide our customers from the forwarding and logistics sectors with the vehicle that suits them best. We are pleased to be able to offer exactly the vehicle that meets the specific requirements and expectations of our customers in the future, from medium-weight to heavy trucks."

The right fit: The Paul Group, Europe's market leader in special vehicle construction with over 200 years of company history and developer of the first series-produced hydrogen fuel cell truck from Germany - the PH2P® Truck - will supply the H2 trucks, and GP JOULE, the renewable energy company with the know-how of more than ten years of hydrogen research and development, will provide the vehicles, including the green hydrogen infrastructure, to customers in logistics and trade.

The Paul Group manufactures the hydrogen-powered 16-ton PH2P® Truck with a range of about 450 kilometres based on a Glider chassis from Mercedes-Benz Trucks.

The full-scale offer for emission-free transport

GP JOULE offers all components for climate-neutral freight transport from a single source: The company, which has its roots in Reußenköge in Schleswig-Holstein and Buttenwiesen in Bavaria, ensures the production and supply of green hydrogen from renewable energies, builds and operates hydrogen filling stations and also provides the vehicles for its customers from logistics, trade and industry. GP JOULE therefore takes care of both developing a filling station network and placing the vehicles on the market.

The hydrogen trucks are to be offered combined with the green hydrogen on a usage basis. The Paul Group takes over maintaining the vehicles as well as training drivers and service staff in how to handle hydrogen for all H2 trucks supplied by them and also uses the existing service network of renowned commercial vehicle OEMs for this purpose. This makes it easy to get started with emission-free hydrogen transport and promotes the ramp-up of H2 transport throughout Germany.

"The depth of the cooperation with Paul Group underlines our common goal," says André Steinau of GP JOULE HYDROGEN: "Decarbonisation transport."

"True to our motto 'Don't talk, just do it!' we are looking forward to the concrete steps ahead with GP JOULE. H2 technology is ready for the market and we must all continue to support the ramp-up of this technology together," emphasises Bernhard Wasner.

GP JOULE with PH2P® Truck from Paul at the transport logistic trade fair

GP JOULE will be at transport logistic in Munich, the world's leading trade fair for logistics, mobility, IT and supply chain management, from 9 to 12 May 2023. At stand A6.233, visitors can take a closer look at Paul's PH2P® truck and learn more about GP JOULE's full-scale solutions for mobility and zero-emission transport.

Images



Caption: Bernhard Wasner (left), Managing Director Paul Group, and André Steinau, Managing Director GP JOULE HYDROGEN, seal their cooperation on the delivery of PH2P® trucks with hydrogen fuel cell drive at the transport logistic in Munich. Photo: Paul Group/GP JOULE

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About GP Joule

As an integrated energy supplier, GP JOULE is active in all areas of the energy value chain: from generating to using energy, from consulting to financing and project planning to construction and service. GP JOULE produces and markets wind and solar power, green hydrogen and heat and makes use of it where it is most effective: in electric and hydrogen-based mobility, in households and in industry. GP JOULE has been shaping the future of energy in Europe from Germany since 2009. With the aim of delivering a secure, independent and sustainable supply of energy. 100 % renewable energy for all. GP JOULE was awarded the German Mobility Prize 2022 for the hydrogen mobility project eFarm.

About Paul Group

The Paul Group unites market-leading and market-driving companies in the automotive and commercial vehicle sector under its umbrella, which are committed to the joint programme "Transforming Trucking". Paul is the European market leader in special vehicle construction and, with over 1,000 conversions a year, one of the most sought-after companies worldwide. Paul has been active in the e-mobility business since 2010, and



Next Mobility is a separate business unit. As a driving partner, Paul has created a scalable platform along the value chain for H2 trucks with the Next Mobility consortium together with Shell and filling station operator MaierKorduletsch. With the largest commercial vehicle service centre in the Passau region, Paul is a competent multi-brand partner for trucks, vans and buses. At the Passau location, Paul is an authorised sales and service partner of Mercedes-Benz for commercial vehicles and passenger cars and, since 2020, also a motorhome sales and full-service provider for the Hymer Group. The Vilshofen site is an authorised service partner for MAN Nutzfahrzeuge commercial vehicles. The Paul IT service provider with comprehensive know-how in the field of digital transformation and software development for electric and hydrogen mobility completes the group of companies.

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