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Mercedes-Benz Vans celebrates first renewable natural gas project in South Carolina

- Further step in becoming a CO2 neutral plant
- Plant to be powered 100% by green electricity beginning January 2022
- First plant in Mercedes-Benz AG to utilize renewable natural gas

Charleston, SC, USA - Mercedes-Benz Vans (MBV) is committed to building solutions that enrich people's lives while protecting the environment with sustainable solutions that either reduce or mitigate any environmental impacts. The MBV Charleston Plant recently celebrated being the site of the first renewable natural gas (RNG) project in South Carolina by hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster.

MBV utilizes RNG throughout its Charleston plant for various processes like maintaining building temperature and humidity levels as well as in the operations of its Paint Shop, completed during the 2018 expansion, to heat and maintain the temperature of water used. The consumption of the water at specific, pre-defined temperatures is important for the effectiveness of the processes within the Paint Shop. With the use of renewable natural gas MBV is making a big impact in reducing our environmental footprint while displacing the need for fossil natural gas.

The renewable natural gas is converted by GreenGasUSA from methane emissions at the McCall Farms commercial vegetable cannery in Effingham, South Carolina. The employment of RNG to operate equipment with renewable energy is an important step in MBV's sustainability journey to use green production practices and technologies to offset carbon emissions.

"At MBV Charleston sustainability is a core pillar in our plant strategy," said Axel Bense, President & CEO of Mercedes-Benz Vans, LLC. "We are proud to continue making strides towards our goal of producing vans in a sustainable manner and becoming CO2 neutral. Not only are we the first RNG project in the state of South Carolina, we are also the first plant in Mercedes-Benz AG to utilize RNG."

From the outset of operations in Charleston, sustainable environmental practices have been a top priority. MBV is committed to further improving our environmental impact by producing the next-generation eSprinter, set to launch in the second half of 2023, which will be CO2 neutral. By 2039, all Mercedes-Benz Vans production plants globally will operate with carbon neutrality, making a positive contribution to the community and future generations.

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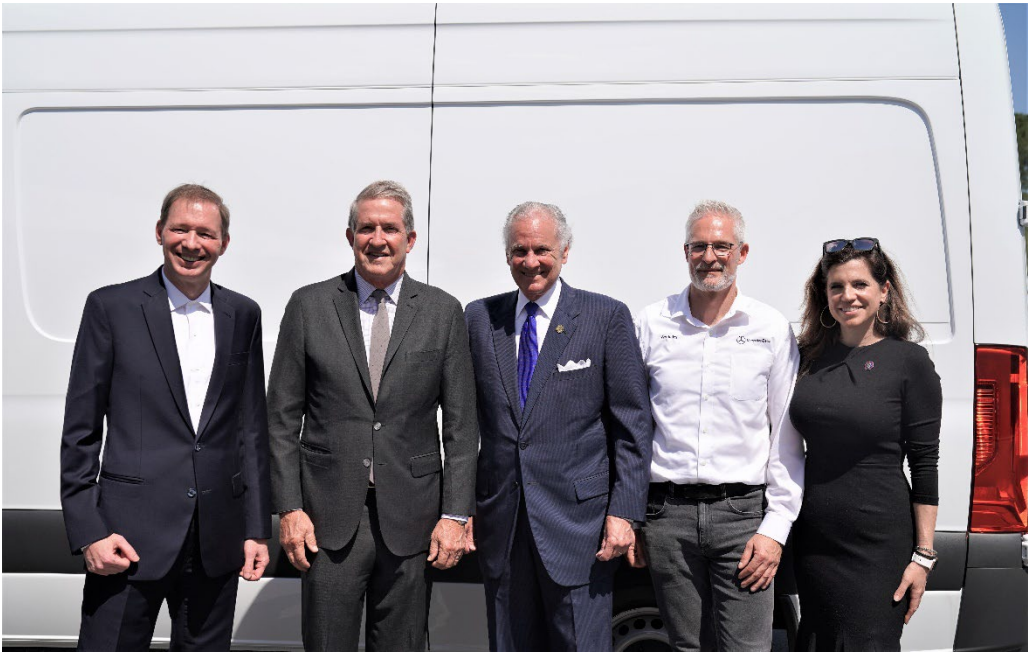
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The figures are provided in accordance with the German regulation 'PKW-EnVKV' and apply to the German market only. Further information on official fuel consumption figures and the official specific CO₂ emissions of new passenger cars can be found in the EU guide 'Information on the fuel consumption, CO₂ emissions and energy consumption of new cars', which is available free of charge at all sales dealerships, from DAT Deutsche Automobil Treuhand GmbH and at www.dat.de.

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From left to right: Axel Bense (President & CEO of Mercedes-Benz Vans, LLC), Commissioner Hugh Weathers (South Carolina Department of Agriculture), South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster, Arnhelm Mittelbach (Mercedes-Benz), Congresswoman Nancy Mace



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About MBV

Mercedes-Benz Vans, LLC (“MBV”) is a plant in Ladson, South Carolina that assembles Sprinter vans for the U.S. and Canadian market under the brand Mercedes-Benz. The midsize Mercedes-Benz Metris vans are also reassembled at this location.

Mercedes-Benz Vans, LLC invested more than 500 million U.S. dollars in the new Sprinter plant, which officially opened in 2018. Today, the MBV facility provides more than 1,600 jobs and supports at least 600 additional jobs in the region through its suppliers. More than 260,000 Sprinter and Metris vans have been assembled in North Charleston and delivered to destinations across the U.S. since 2006. The U.S. is the second largest market for Sprinter vans, after Germany.

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Mercedes-Benz AG at a glance

Mercedes-Benz AG is responsible for the global business of Mercedes-Benz Cars and Mercedes-Benz Vans, with around 172,000 employees worldwide. Ola Källenius is Chairman of the Board of Management of Mercedes-Benz AG. The company focuses on the development, production and sales of passenger cars, vans and vehicle-related services. Furthermore, the company aspires to be the leader in the fields of electric mobility and vehicle software. The product portfolio comprises the Mercedes-Benz brand with the brands of Mercedes-AMG, Mercedes-Maybach, Mercedes-EQ, G-Class and the smart brand. The Mercedes me brand offers access to the digital services from Mercedes-Benz. Mercedes-Benz AG is one of the world's largest manufacturers of luxury passenger cars. In 2021 it sold around 1.9 million passenger cars and nearly 386,200 vans. In its two business segments, Mercedes-Benz AG is continually expanding its worldwide production network with around 35 production sites on four continents, while gearing itself to meet the requirements of electric mobility. At the same time, the company is constructing and extending its global battery production network on three continents. As sustainability is the guiding principle of the Mercedes-Benz strategy and for the company itself, this means creating lasting value for all stakeholders: for customers, employees, investors, business partners and society as a whole. The basis for this is the sustainable business strategy of the Mercedes-Benz Group. The company thus takes responsibility for the economic, ecological and social effects of its business activities and looks at the entire value chain.