

Sono Group N.V. Enters Trailer Market with Solar-Powered Refrigeration System

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Innovative solar technology reduces fuel dependence and operating costs, providing solid ROI for logistics leaders

Munich, Oct. 29, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The solar technology company <u>Sono Group N.V.</u> (OTCQB: SEVCE) (hereafter referred to as "Sono" or the "Company", parent company to Sono Motors GmbH or "Sono Motors") is pleased to announce the commercial launch of its groundbreaking solar technology for trailers equipped with refrigeration units. Building on enthusiastic industry feedback at <u>IAA Transportation 2024</u>, this innovative technology underscores Sono's commitment to transforming sustainable logistics and reducing emissions across the transport sector.

Sono's advanced solar solution leverages semi-flexible photovoltaic (PV) modules and a proprietary intelligent high-voltage solar charge controller that optimizes each PV panel in real-time. This unique energy management approach provides refrigerated trailers with independent power for up to 3-4 hours daily, significantly lowering energy consumption. Engineered to meet rigorous industry standards as well as Sono's internal benchmarks, the system offers reliability designed for the demands of potential customers worldwide.

Financial and Operational Returns for Forward-Looking Fleet Operators

Sono's solar technology is projected to deliver solid returns on investment, with an expected payback period of approximately 3 years based on geographic location and hours in operation. The system enables operators to run trailers independently of external power, reducing dependence on charging infrastructure, minimizing downtime, and providing a direct hedge against volatile energy costs. With their own onboard solar energy source, Sono's customers can achieve higher efficiency and position their fleets as industry leaders in sustainable, eco-friendly logistics.

The solution has already sparked significant interest from temperature-controlled unit (TRU) suppliers, fleet operators and trailer manufacturers, underscoring its potential to transform sustainable logistics.

Accelerating Industry Decarbonization Through Innovation and Collaboration

As part of a broader commitment to reduce CO2 emissions, Sono is participating in the every project, a research initiative aimed at measuring the positive impact of solar-powered trailers on energy use and emissions. The insights from this project could make solar-equipped trailers an industry-standard solution in the VECTO tool, a European Union system enabling logistics operators to track and report emissions. Sono aims to standardize solar technology in fleet emissions reduction, supporting fleet operators in achieving regulatory and sustainability goals while leading the next wave of innovation in transportation.

For more information about Sono Group N.V., Sono Motors, and their solar solutions, visit sonogroupnv.com and sonomotors.com.

ABOUT SONO GROUP N.V.

Sono Group N.V. (OTCQB: SEVCF) and its wholly-owned subsidiary Sono Motors GmbH are on a pioneering mission to accelerate the revolution of mobility by making every vehicle solar. Their disruptive solar technology has been developed to enable seamless integration into all types of vehicles to reduce the impact of CO2 emissions and pave the way for climate-friendly mobility.

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