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## Europcar and Nissan form a zero-emission vehicle partnership

Nissan and Europcar – the European leader in passenger car and light utility vehicle rentals – are forming a partnership to market electric vehicles by 2010 and advance zero-emission mobility on a global scale.

This partnership between Europcar Groupe and Nissan is unique in the vehicle rental market and gives substance to Europcar's commitment to raise the awareness of its customers concerning environmental issues.

Electric vehicles will be rolled out in France, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Portugal, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand and will be subsequently extended to other countries.

As a pioneer in the field of environmental matters, Europcar Groupe has already implemented numerous environmental initiatives within the scope of a Green Charter certified by Bureau Veritas in June 2008.

**As Rafael Girona, Europcar Groupe's Chief Operating Officer, explains, *"This signature fits perfectly with the principles of our Green Charter and our action policy intended to offer our customers a fleet with as limited an impact as possible on the environment. We will thus give our customers the option of exploring a new means of mobility by giving them the unique experience of using an electric vehicle in order to encourage them to become better eco-citizens."***

***"Nissan through the Renault-Nissan Alliance has committed to being a global leader in zero-emission vehicles,"*** said Eric Nicolas, senior vice president, administration and finance, Nissan International SA. ***"Nissan and Europcar share the same belief that the introduction and expansion of electric vehicles is one of the best solutions to sustain the growing need for mobility across the globe."***

The Renault-Nissan Alliance will introduce zero-emission vehicles in the United States and Japan starting from 2010. The Alliance aims to take the leadership of zero-emission mobility in the automotive industry and will start mass-marketing electric vehicles globally in 2012. To date the Alliance has signed two final agreements in Europe, with Portugal and the Principality of Monaco. The two agreements formulate concrete proposals – ranging from incentives and infrastructures to education programs – creating the right conditions for mass availability and acceptance of electric vehicles.

The Renault-Nissan Alliance has begun Zero Emission Vehicles initiatives in Kanagawa Prefecture and Yokohama in Japan, as well as in Israel, Denmark, Portugal, Monaco, UK, France, Switzerland, Ireland, Hong Kong, Singapore, and China.

In the United States, the Alliance is exploring ways to promote zero-emission mobility and the development of an Electric Vehicles infrastructure in the State of Tennessee, the State of Oregon, Sonoma County and San Diego in California, Tucson and Phoenix in Arizona, Seattle in Washington, and Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Alliance has formed partnerships with 27 governments, cities and other organizations to advance the deployment of EVs worldwide.

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#### **About Europcar:**

Owned by the French investment company Eurazeo, Europcar is the European leader in passenger car and light utility vehicle rentals. The company serves business and leisure customers throughout Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and Asia-Pacific. Excluding franchise operations, in 2008 Europcar signed more than 10 million rental contracts, with 8,000 employees and a fleet exceeding 225,000 vehicles. In September 2008, Europcar and U.S. market leader Enterprise Rent-A-Car joined forces in a strategic alliance to form the world's largest car rental network, with more than 1.2 million vehicles and 13,000 locations around the world.

For more information: [www.europcar.com](http://www.europcar.com)

#### **Renault**

The Renault Group generated global revenues of €37,791 million in 2008. It designs, engineers, manufactures and sells passenger and light commercial vehicles throughout the world. The Renault Group is present in 118 countries and sells vehicles under its three brands - Renault, Dacia and Samsung. The Renault Group employs 129,000 people worldwide.

#### **Nissan**

Nissan Motor Co. generated global net revenues of 10.824 trillion yen in 2007. Nissan is present in all major global auto markets selling a comprehensive range of cars, pickup trucks, SUVs and light commercial vehicles under the Nissan and Infiniti brands. Nissan employs over 220,000 people worldwide.

#### **The Renault-Nissan Alliance**

The Renault Nissan Alliance, founded in 1999, sold 6,090,304 vehicles in 2008. The objective of the Alliance is to rank among the world's top three vehicle manufacturers in terms of quality, technology and profitability.

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