

# Electric vehicle buyers' consortium announces tender

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A public-private Dutch consortium has announced a tender for almost three thousand electric vehicles. The tender is expected to be issued in November and delivery of the vehicles should commence in 2010.

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The announcement of a tender for three thousand electric vehicles (EVs), by a Dutch public-private consortium, was made during the Netherlands' 'sustainability night'. Urgenda, a non-profit organisation that aims to stimulate large-scale uptake of electric mobility, had organised the event.

## **Kick-start**

The consortium's goal is to kick-start a large-scale and continuing demand for EVs, therewith challenging car manufacturers to produce such vehicles on a larger scale. Three different types of vehicles will be requested: a light delivery vehicle, a heavy delivery vehicle and a passenger vehicle.

According to Peter Bakker, TNT's CEO, his company participates because: "Electric transportation is at this point in time the most promising technology to drastically reduce our CO2 footprint."

Jeroen de Haas, CEO of Eneco explains that: "Not only will we commence replacing our current fleet by electric vehicles, we will also facilitate charging facilities, dubbed NRGSPOTs."

## **Join**

Initiators of the consortium are, apart from Urgenda, TNT, Eneco and Tendris. Amongst the other partners are banks (ING, ABN AMRO and Triodos), large energy producers (Delta, NUON and Essent), municipalities (Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Leeuwarden), two national ministries (VROM (environment) and V&W (transport)), Philips and the Port of Rotterdam. Other organisations have been invited to join the consortium.

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