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## P R E S S R E L E A S E

### FUSO launches the all-electric eCanter truck in New Zealand

- The pioneering all-electric eCanter is launched in another key FUSO market
- Genesis Energy, a major power supplier in New Zealand, has introduced an eCanter into its fleet
- Over 200 units of the eCanter have been delivered to customers around the world

**Kawasaki, Japan** — Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corporation (MFTBC; headquarters: Kawasaki City, Kanagawa Prefecture; President and CEO: Hartmut Schick), announces that the eCanter has officially launched in New Zealand, and is now running in customer hands.

This month, FUSO New Zealand, the official local distributor of FUSO products, delivered a unit of the eCanter to Genesis Energy Limited. Genesis is a leading power supplier in New Zealand, and currently operates around 110 trucks. The eCanter will be used for deliveries and customer service operations in Auckland, New Zealand's largest city. The locally CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral eCanter has been integrated into the Genesis fleet to push forward its aim of reducing its greenhouse gas emissions.

The eCanter for New Zealand is shipped from Tramagal, Portugal, and comes with the same standard specifications as the models currently available in Japan and Europe. In order to support safe driving in city environments, the vehicle is installed with safety features such as the Advanced Emergency Braking System, the Lane Departure Warning System, as well as the Electronic Stability Program.



eCanter trucks at Auckland Port

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Earlier this year, FUSO New Zealand was granted co-funding by the Ministry of Energy and Resources for operational trials of the eCanter. Five eCanter trucks have since been deployed in the Auckland area for an extended test period. The grant was provided from New Zealand's Low Emission Vehicle Contestable Fund, which recently announced it would increase its funding scope from 6-7 million NZD a year to 25 million NZD a year by 2024. MFTBC expects the eCanter's presence will continue to grow as New Zealand strengthens its investments in vehicle electrification.

### **About the eCanter**

The eCanter is a series-produced all-electric truck developed by MFTBC as a solution to urban environmental issues such as noise, exhaust gas, and CO2 emissions. The eCanter, which falls under the 7.5-ton gross vehicle weight class, ensures a range of about 100 kilometers per charge. With quick-charging stations, the vehicle only takes up to a maximum of 1.5 hours to fully recharge. Having already launched a new model with advanced safety features in August 2020, MFTBC is currently developing the next generation of the eCanter with further upgrades and a wider range of variations. Over 200 units of the eCanter have been delivered to customers worldwide.

### **About FUSO New Zealand**

FUSO New Zealand Ltd., based in Auckland, was established in 2017 as the exclusive importer and general distributor for the FUSO brand within the New Zealand market. FUSO trucks have been operating in New Zealand for more than 45 years, and are now supported by 21 customer service and parts outlets across the country. A full range of heavy-duty, medium-duty, and light-duty trucks and buses are exported to New Zealand.

### **MFTBC at a Glance**

Based in Kawasaki, Japan, Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corporation (MFTBC) is one of Asia's leading commercial vehicle manufacturers, with 89.29% of its shares owned by Daimler Truck AG and 10.71% by various Mitsubishi group companies. An icon in the Japanese commercial vehicle industry with a longstanding history of more than 85 years with its FUSO brand, MFTBC manufactures a range of commercial vehicles including light, medium, and heavy-duty trucks and buses, and industrial engines for over 170 markets worldwide. In 2017, MFTBC introduced the eCanter, the first all-electric light-duty truck in series production in Japan. In 2019, the Super Great – Japan's first heavy-duty truck fitted with Level 2 Automated Driving Support Technology – followed as a benchmark in the Japanese commercial vehicle market. MFTBC operates under the umbrella of Daimler Trucks Asia, together with its partner organization Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV) in India. This strategic unit allows the entities to collaborate on areas such as product development, parts sourcing and production to provide the best value to customers.

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