

COMFORTDELGRO ENTERS INTO GREEN ENERGY MARKET WITH CHINESE PARTNER

26 June 2023 - ComfortDelGro Corporation Limited and Guangzhou Public Transport Group (GZPTG) have entered into a strategic partnership to develop and promote transport-related green energy businesses.

Leveraging each other's expertise in transportation and sustainable energy solutions, the two companies are collaborating to invest, build and operate green energy projects. This will include investments in the construction of automotive electric charging and swapping stations and ancillary solar photovoltaic and energy storage systems to support the charging and swapping business. For a start, their initial joint project will deliver 60 chargers with 3,600kw capacity to cater to the needs of municipal buses and cars in Guangzhou, China.

ComfortDelGro Managing Director/Group CEO, Mr Cheng Siak Kian, and GZPTG Chairman/General Manager, Mr Li Xiao Jun, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) this morning, 26 June 2023, to formally announce this strategic cooperation which comes under the auspice of the 13th Singapore-Guangdong Collaboration Council that is co-chaired by Minister for Health, Mr Ong Ye Kung, and Guangdong Governor, Mr Wang Weizhong.

Mr Cheng said: "Climate change is a pressing concern for our world today and as a leading land transport company, we are excited by the opportunity to further collaborate with the Guangzhou Public Transport Group to provide decarbonisation solutions. GZPTG is a trusted partner, whom we have forged a strong partnership with over the last 26 years, in jointly operating one of the largest bus stations in Guangzhou. With our combined strengths and shared vision, we look forward to growing this new business together."

Mr Li said: "We need a green and low carbon development approach to protect the environment. Green Energy is the future. As the largest public transportation and road transport enterprise in South China, it is timely for Guangzhou Public Transport Group to collaborate once again with our long-time partner, the ComfortDelGro Group, in exploring opportunities in the area of green mobility in China and beyond. As partners that have jointly run a successful bus station for decades, it is only natural that we continue to build on the foundation and leverage on each other's strengths as we explore new grounds and contribute to the global green movement."

Earlier in April 2023, the two companies had also signed an MoU to collaborate as partners in the taxi business in China. We also signed an MoU with Chengdu Hexintong Vehicle Inspection Co., Ltd to cooperate on a vehicle inspection centre in Chengdu. The centre has the capacity to conduct inspections for up to 80,000 vehicles a year. Significantly, the centre will be only one of three centres in Chengdu that can conduct inspection for all types of vehicles.

Locally in Singapore, ComfortDelGro has been in the environmental sustainability business since 2021 in joint ventures with ENGIE South East Asia to provide EV charging solutions and renewable solar energy. To-date, we have installed 500 charging points and this will double to 1,000 by year-end.

Background

About ComfortDelGro Corporation Limited

ComfortDelGro is one of the world's largest land transport companies with a total fleet size of about 34,000 buses, taxis, and rental vehicles. We also run 177km of light and heavy rail networks in Singapore and New Zealand. Our global operations span seven countries – Singapore, Australia, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, China, Ireland and Malaysia.

For four years in a row, from 2019 to 2022, ComfortDelGro Corporation Limited has been included in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index Asia Pacific (DJSI Asia Pacific), cementing its position as one of the world's leading companies for sustainability. It is one of four Singapore companies and the only local transport company to have been included in the regional index, the undisputed gold standard in sustainability benchmarking. It first made it to the prestigious index in 2019.

About Guangzhou Public Transportation Group

Guangzhou Public Transport Group Co., Ltd (GZPTG), which was incorporated by 12 municipal enterprises of public transport in December 2017, is a subsidiary to the Guangzhou Municipal Government, and is wholly-invested by the state. Focussing on road transport, the Company integrates city bus, passenger ferry, taxi, inter-city road passenger and freight transport, storage and logistics, multi-purpose city card, intelligent transportation, affiliated resources development and operation, etc. It is the largest public transport and road transport enterprise in South China. At present, the Group has a fleet of more than 28,000 buses, taxis, intercity coaches, logistics and freight vehicles, rescue vehicles and construction waste carriers, and 580 bus stations and 11 coach terminal stations. According to the latest "China Urban Ground Bus Service Evaluation Report (2021)" released by China Road Transport Association, GZPTG won first in the first-tier cities category among the 44 ground bus companies in China.