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ZM Trucks Partners With The Merlin Group To Architect Innovative Solutions for National Accounts for Its Zero Emission Commercial Vehicles.

Fontana, CA – April 30, 2025 – ZM Trucks, North America, has partnered with The Merlin Group to advance its mission of helping large, multi-state, multi-location fleets transition from internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles to battery electric vehicles (BEVs) as efficiently as possible.

“At ZM Trucks, we are dedicated to pushing the boundaries of innovation and redefining the standard for commercial vehicles,” said Joost de Vries, CEO of ZM Trucks. “ZM Trucks being both an incomplete and complete vehicle manufacturer, we can offer complete vehicle solutions for complex customer geographies that start with factory body upfit, custom service solutions powered by our Sibros connectivity platform, as well as multi-state incentive management, charging, and finance solutions. And our partnership with The Merlin Group will help us provide these multifaceted, integrated solutions to the large-scale fleet operators that can benefit most.”

ZM Trucks has recently established its first North American manufacturing facility and regional headquarters in Fontana, California, which will enable the brand to meet the growing demand for its sustainable vehicle solutions. By collaborating with The Merlin Group, ZM Trucks aims to bring trucks to large, multi-location fleets that seek simplification in their journey to cost-efficient electric vehicle solutions.

“We are honored to have been selected by ZM Trucks, a true innovator in the global zero-emission commercial vehicle market,” said Jeff Azer, Senior Associate at The Merlin Group. “Their expansive international vision and growing presence across North America make this partnership a major milestone for us. We look forward to architecting tailored solutions that support ZM Trucks' growth and address the complex demands of today's evolving fleet landscape.”

ZM Trucks will showcase its Class 5/6 truck, the ZM8, at ACT Expo 2025, located at Booth #6477, from April 28th to May 1st at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California. Attendees can register for the event at actexpo.com.

For more information about ZO Motors and its ZM Truck commercial vehicle brand, please visit ZMTrucks.com.

About ZO Motors

ZO Motors is a global leader in zero-emission commercial vehicles, dedicated to delivering sustainable transportation solutions for industries such as commercial vehicles, port, and aviation ground logistics, as well as transit and tourist transportation. With manufacturing facilities in Asia and North America, ZO Motors is at the forefront of innovation, combining cutting-edge technology with a commitment to reducing environmental impact.

For more information, please visit <http://www.zo-motors.com/>

About ZM Trucks

ZM Trucks, the western brand interpretation of ZO Motors, is a global leader in innovative new-energy commercial vehicles. Originating from Japan, the company specializes in the R&D, manufacturing, and sales of intelligent new-energy commercial vehicles with powertrain choices that include Battery Electric, Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric, and Hydrogen ICE. ZM Trucks' branded commercial vehicles have already launched in North America and the Middle East. South America, Europe, and Africa are planned to follow in 2026.

For more information, please visit <http://www.zmtrucks.us/>

About the Merlin Group

The Merlin Group is a global business development and advisory firm, architecting demand across the mobility, fleet, logistics, and infrastructure sectors. Since launching just 18 months ago, The Merlin Group has demonstrated exceptional market momentum, now serving international clientele across seven unique industries and collaborating with more than 50 ecosystem partners.

Unlike traditional business solutions firms, The Merlin Group specializes in building the bridge between innovation and real-world demand through financial engineering, strategic partnerships, and client acquisition. Our clients, partners and Fortune 500 companies - increasingly rely on us to scale complex programs across mobility initiatives, import/export operations, and specialized vehicle solutions.

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