MG Motor India partners with Umicore for recycling end-of-life ZS EV batteries

New Delhi, Nov. 28: In a development that underscores its commitment to operational sustainability and green mobility, MG (Morris Garages) Motor India has recently partnered with Umicore. The association will ensure safe and environmentally sustainable recycling of end-of-life batteries of the ZS EV, MG's soon-to-be-launched electric internet car.

Umicore is one of few companies that offer a complete recycling journey for Li-ion batteries. Umicore holds extensive expertise in end-to-end battery life cycle management and a unique battery value chain that guarantees better operational efficiency, supply security, and speed of response. The partnership will allow end-of-life ZS EV batteries to be recycled, thus ensuring greater peace of mind to MG customers about their ecological footprint.

Speaking on the tie-up, **Gaurav Gupta**, **Chief Commercial Officer**, **MG Motor India**, said, "Over the past few months, we have worked towards creating the right ecosystem for our customers ahead of the launch of the ZS EV, including charging infrastructure. Our partnership with Umicore focuses on end-of-life applications for used EV battery packs and ensures that exhausted battery packs of MG ZS EV are recycled in keeping with the global best standards, to ensure environment-friendly battery disposal."

Kedar Rele, Country General Manager, Spokesperson – Umicore India, added, "MG is addressing concerns about the disposal of end-of-life EV batteries for recycling. Umicore is excited to offer our 'closed loop' sustainable recycling solution that ensures minimal waste and impact on the environment. This is vital to the commitment of facilitating EV adoption and catalysing India's nascent EV revolution."

About MG Motor India

Founded in the UK in 1924, Morris Garages vehicles were world-famous for their sports cars, roadsters, and cabriolet series. MG vehicles were much sought after by many celebrities, including the British Prime Ministers and even the British Royal Family, for their styling, elegance, and spirited performance. The MG Car Club, set up in 1930 at Abingdon in the UK, has thousands of loyal fans, making it one of the world's largest clubs for a car brand. MG has evolved into a modern, futuristic and innovative brand over the last 95 years. MG Motor India has commenced its manufacturing operations at its car manufacturing plant at Halol in Gujarat.

About Umicore

Umicore is a global materials technology and recycling group. It focuses on application areas where its expertise in materials science, chemistry and metallurgy makes a real difference. Its activities are organised in three business groups: Catalysis, Energy & Surface Technologies and Recycling. Each business group is divided into market-focused business units offering materials and solutions that are at the cutting edge of new technological developments and essential to everyday life. Umicore generates most of its revenues and dedicates most of its R&D efforts

to clean mobility materials and recycling. Umicore's overriding goal of sustainable value creation is based on an ambition to develop, produce and recycle materials in a way that fulfils its mission: materials for a better life. Umicore's industrial and commercial operations as well as R&D activities are located across the world to best serve its global customer base. The Group generated revenues (excluding metal) of \in 1.6 billion (turnover of \in 7.6 billion) in the first half of 2019 and currently employs 10,700 people.

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