

PRESS RELEASE

DEUTZ reaches its next strategic milestone: acquisition accelerates electrification of heavy-duty applications

- DEUTZ acquires Dutch innovation leader in the field of battery-electric drives for off-highway applications
- Urban Mobility Systems B.V. (UMS) offers superior technology, a high volume of orders on hand, and major customers
- DEUTZ's expertise in industrialization will enable the UMS technology to be scaled up

Cologne, April 6, 2025 – DEUTZ is acquiring UMS, a specialist in the electrification of off-highway vehicles, and thereby stepping up its innovative strength in its expanding DEUTZ New Technology segment. An agreement to purchase 100% of the shares in UMS and its parent company UMS Holding B.V. was signed today.

The Dutch company is regarded as an innovation leader in the field of battery-electric drives for off-highway applications and has so far electrified more than 200 machines, including excavators, wheel loaders, and cranes. It generated revenue of around €10 million in 2024. New orders are expected to be in the high-double-digit millions. These orders are placed by major customers who rely on UMS as a one-stop shop for the electrification of their machines.

“By acquiring UMS, DEUTZ is accelerating the development of battery-electric drives for heavy-duty applications and will immediately facilitate the electrification of larger off-highway machines,” says DEUTZ CEO Dr. Sebastian C. Schulte. “We are thus taking a strategically important step under our Dual+ strategy and will play a key role in the consolidation of the market for internal combustion engines and for climate-friendly drives used to power large machines.”

DEUTZ New Technology CEO Bert van Hasselt underlines the significance for the alternative drive business: “By purchasing UMS, we are taking a technological leap forward and saving both time and resources. Moreover, our expertise in industrialization will enable the UMS technology to be scaled up. This acquisition underpins our strategy to offer the best products in the market to our customer, now and in the future.”

UMS-CEO and -CTO Lars Kool says: “DEUTZ’s 161 years of industrial experience and its modern production network at major sites in Germany make it the ideal partner for automating battery assembly and the production of e-kits and ramping them up for mass distribution.” The industrialization of the UMS solutions will predominantly take place at DEUTZ’s German sites, allowing them to significantly enhance their capabilities in the field of battery-electric drives.

By acquiring UMS, DEUTZ can target new customer groups in the transportation and logistics sector and greatly accelerate research and development in relation to alternative drives. This is because UMS’s electrification kits make it easy to integrate alternative drives into the existing engine space without having to spend considerable time and money on redesigning the machines. As a result, they can be installed in new machines on existing assembly lines or directly retrofitted. UMS uses replaceable batteries. In excavators, for example, these batteries can easily be integrated at the rear in place of the counterweight and can be changed in under ten minutes. This makes them cost-effective in machines that are used to move heavy loads, such as on construction sites or in agricultural applications. When the batteries are combined with small DEUTZ internal combustion engines in a hybrid system, even the electrification of larger machines becomes immediately possible. Furthermore, UMS’s alternative drives open up new defense applications. The first feasibility studies have already been produced for equipping military vehicles – e.g. the Bushmaster troop carrier – with a hybrid solution in which the electric drive with its low acoustic signature is to be deployed for tactical reasons.

Completion of the acquisition is subject to the usual conditions, particularly the necessary regulatory approvals, and is expected to take place in the upcoming months.

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Caption: DEUTZ purchase 100 % of the shares in UMS and its parent company UMS Holding B.V.

Credit: Urban Mobility Systems B.V.



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Credit: Netherlands Ministry of Defence



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About DEUTZ AG

DEUTZ AG, a publicly traded company headquartered in Cologne, Germany, is one of the world's leading manufacturers of drive systems for off-highway applications in the power range up to 620 kW. Through its subsidiary, Blue Star Power Systems, Inc., which it acquired in 2024, DEUTZ operates in the field of decentralized energy supply and is increasingly positioning itself as a system provider. The current portfolio ranges from diesel, gas, and hydrogen engines to electric drive solutions. These drive systems are used in various applications, including construction equipment, agricultural machinery, material handling equipment such as forklift trucks and lifting platforms, stationary equipment such as gensets, commercial vehicles, and rail vehicles. DEUTZ also offers a comprehensive range of analog and digital services through around 1,000 sales and service partners in over 120 countries. The Company was founded in 1864, employed around 5,200 people worldwide as at December 31, 2024, and generated revenue of €1.8 billion in 2024. Further information is available at www.deutz.com.