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RENAULT-NISSAN AND PARTNERS INSTALL 90 NEW EV CHARGE SPOTS AROUND PARIS COP21

SPOTS POWERED BY LOW-CARBON ELECTRICITY

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The charging stations, several of which will be donated by Schneider Electric, will refuel 200 EVs serving as VIP shuttles for negotiators, delegates and media attending the conference. More than 20,000 U.N. participants from 195 countries are expected to attend the 21st annual Conference of Parties (known as COP21), from November 30 to December 11.

'COP21 is a call to action to reduce the impact of climate change--including global warming resulting from personal transportation,' said Renault-Nissan Chairman and CEO Carlos Ghosn. 'Electric vehicles are the only existing, practical and affordable transportation solution to our planet's environmental challenges - and they are available today. Expanding the EV infrastructure is mandatory for any city or state that's serious about environmental stewardship.'

The quick and standard EV charging stations will use renewable and extremely low-carbon electricity from EDF, enabling the Renault-Nissan fleet to cover more than 400,000 km in two weeks. The quick charging stations will recharge EVs from 0 to 80% capacity in about 30 minutes.

EVs consume any form of electricity used in the power grid, including hydropower, solar and wind energy. As countries reduce dependence on fossil fuels and increase reliance on renewable resources, EVs become even greener.

The COP21 charging stations in the Paris region will use electricity with a small carbon footprint. The French power grid distributes electricity with a very low average of CO2 emissions per kWh: less than 40 g in 2014, compared to the European average of 325 g of CO2 emissions per kWh. Renewable energy accounted for about 19% of France's electricity last year.

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