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**Emisstar Achieves First U.S. Vehicle Certification of Smith
Newton All-Electric, Zero Emission Delivery Vehicle**

Laguna Niguel, California – February 3, 2011 Emisstar LLC is pleased to announce that the company has achieved new vehicle emissions certification of Smith Electric Vehicle's Newton as the first on-highway all-electric, zero emission commercial vehicle through the California Air Resource Board (ARB). Partnering with Smith, Emisstar crafted requisite engineering arguments and facilitated the approval process from testing to document submissions, pioneering the approval process for these new medium-duty, all-electric commercial vehicles—a necessary step for vehicle sales in California and throughout the United States.

Vehicle certification is available to fleets through ARB and the EPA. Both entities require detailed manufacturing information, including detailed emissions data proving that an engine meets national standards. Before Emisstar's work with Smith, no process was in place by ARB to approve zero emissions, all-electric commercial vehicles. Emisstar began working with ARB for Newton approval in 2009, allowing for the inclusion of Smith's vehicles in successful DOE and EPA grant proposals authored by Emisstar on behalf of Smith and customers. Emisstar has continued certification on the 2010 and 2011 model year vehicles for Smith.

The Newton represents Smith Electric Vehicles foray into the US auto market as Smith Electric Vehicles US Corp. Available in classes 5, 6 and 7, the Newton can be configured in 80 and 120 kilowatt models (kW), with a 40 kW model planned for release in 2011. The electric vehicles give American fleets the option to eschew foreign oil in favor of connecting to the grid while operating a world-class, zero tailpipe emissions vehicle with up to 96% less total lifecycle emissions than equivalent pre-2007 diesel counterparts.

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About Smith Electric Vehicles

Smith Electric Vehicles U.S. Corporation (Smith) (www.smithelectric.com) is an all-electric zero-emissions commercial truck manufacturer. Smith is a privately held company owned by Private Investors Management. In 2011, Smith will purchase its U.K. parent company, founded in 1920, from the Tanfield Group. Smith produces the Smith Newton – the world's largest battery-electric-powered truck.

