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## **MICHELIN CONNECTED FLEET PARTNERS WITH SCOTTISH WATER TO ACCELERATE TRANSITION TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

- Roll-out across fleet is part of Scottish Water's decarbonisation programme to transition to an electric vehicle fleet.
- MICHELIN Connected Fleet's suite of solutions will continue to support improvements in driver behaviour and safety.

MICHELIN Connected Fleet has signed a four-year partnership with Scottish Water to help boost the performance of the utility's 2,000-strong mixed fleet and accelerate the firm's move to electric vehicles (EV) and zero-emission alternatives.

The company, which provides water and wastewater services to over 5 million customers across rural, island and urban communities, is rolling out MICHELIN Connected Fleet across its 1,300 vans, 200-plus trucks and trailers, and 500 specialist pieces of plant, over the next six months.

The fleet management solutions will primarily be used to guide decisions about switching to EVs by drawing on data analysis of battery charging and range performance, with the tools also being utilised to improve driver behaviour.

Elaine Pringle, Fleet Manager at Scottish Water, says: "We see huge benefits from partnering with MICHELIN Connected Fleet, both to support driver safety and also help the business to meet our own ambitious target of transitioning to a zero-emission fleet.

"We're really impressed with the reporting capabilities of the fleet management tools, which will provide invaluable insights to determine how we introduce EVs and where we need to install charging infrastructure. Data analysis will also aid vehicle utilisation, whilst helping cut costs by enhancing route optimisation and scheduling and reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions across our fleet."

Scottish Water's new long-term partnership with MICHELIN Connected Fleet follows a two-year trial of its EV transition tools and services that led to more than 100 internal combustion engine-powered small- and medium-size vans being replaced with EVs.

Gilson Santiago, CEO of MICHELIN Connected Fleet, says: “After working with us on a project basis since 2021, Scottish Water has seen how it can benefit from our connected fleet management tools in a number of impactful ways. We are committed to helping customers run more sustainable fleets and we believe our services and data insights will be incredibly useful in the firm’s ongoing EV transition programme.”

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**About Scottish Water:**

Accountable to the Scottish Government, Scottish Water is a statutory corporation that provides water and wastewater services to household customers and wholesale Licensed Providers. It delivers the investment priorities of government ministers within the funding allowed by the Water Industry Commission for Scotland. On a daily basis, it delivers 1.51 billion litres of clear, fresh drinking water and removes 1.07 billion litres of wastewater which the firm treats, recovers resources from and returns safely to the environment.

**About MICHELIN Connected Fleet:**

MICHELIN Connected Fleet is Michelin's advanced connected fleet management services and solutions, designed to provide the tools and information fleet operators and managers need to easily manage their fleets on a daily basis, transform their operational efficiency and run sustainable fleets. For more than 20 years, the group has been innovative in sustainable mobility to make it safer, more efficient and more environmentally friendly.

MICHELIN Connected Fleet is committed to understanding customer needs and providing them with pragmatic and quality solutions in the areas that matter most to them: reducing the cost of managing their fleet, increasing productivity, improving driver and vehicle safety, meeting end-customer expectations and ensuring the overall sustainability of their business. More than a supplier, they work as a partner, accompanying companies with recommendations based on mobility data, to give them a competitive advantage. Globally, MICHELIN Connected Fleet customers today represent approximately 300 million journeys per year across Europe, North America and South America – collectively connecting 660,000 vehicles operated by 70,000 customers, spanning 48 countries.

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