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Announcement Title *	PRESS RELEASE - GP BATTERIES UNVEILS A PLUG-IN HYBRID EV WITH A LONGER EMISSION-FREE DRIVING RANGE
Description	Please see attached.

Media Release

GP Batteries unveils a Plug-in Hybrid EV with a longer emission-free driving range

SINGAPORE, 31 October 2006 - GP Batteries International Limited and EVermont Inc. jointly unveiled their latest Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) showcasing the better performance, improved energy saving and increased environmental friendliness delivered by this new electric vehicle concept at the Society of Environmental Journalists' 16th Annual Conference in Burlington, Vermont, USA.

The conventional hybrid electric vehicles (HEV) integrate both a combustion fuel engine and an electric motor as their driving systems to save fuel. However, due to the small capacity of the batteries installed in the HEVs, the distance that can be powered by pure electricity is very limited.

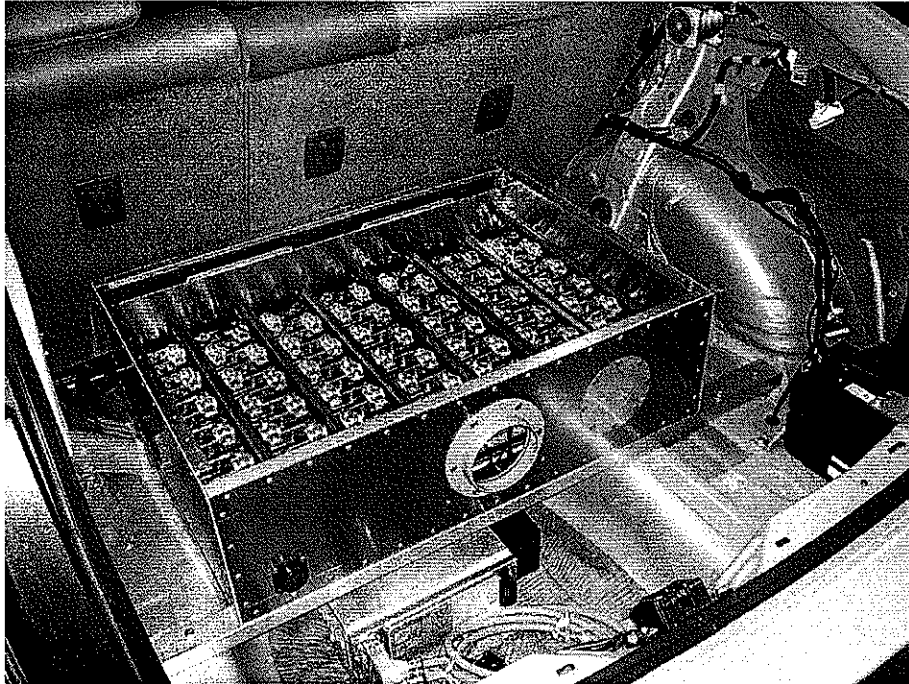
To address this issue, a 30Ah GP Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) battery pack was selected to replace the existing 6.5Ah battery pack in a Toyota Prius, thereby achieving an additional 25 miles emission-free driving distance from one full charge. With the new plug-in feature, users can recharge the battery pack anywhere, anytime when the vehicles are not in use. When the extra energy stored in this battery is exhausted, there is no danger of being stranded as the vehicle will revert to a normal HEV and will run on gasoline. As electricity is cleaner and cheaper than gasoline both the consumer and the environment benefit from the PHEV concept.

Depending on the driving patterns, fuel savings can be greatly improved. Claim of 90 miles per gallon is easy to achieve in an urban cycle. It takes less than 3 years to repay the conversion expenses for a PHEV based on the current price of gasoline. The battery pack typically lasts for longer than 5 years.

EVERmont Inc. is a non-profit research and development organization actively involved in advancing technologies to sustain the environment. It has partnered with GP Batteries in many EV conversion projects in the past. In 1996, EVERmont won the 11th Annual Northeast Sustainable Energy Association's American Tour de Sol Electric Vehicle Championship using a pack of GP NiMH batteries.

GP Batteries is one of the world's major suppliers of primary and rechargeable batteries. It supplies an extensive range of battery products to original equipment manufacturers, leading battery companies as well as consumer retail markets under its own "GP" brand name. GP Batteries is committed to the pursuit of advanced battery solution for the automotive industry of the future. It has been producing large-size NiMH batteries for use in electric vehicles for longer than 10 years. Today, there are many examples of mass transportation vehicles, private cars and 2-wheelers throughout the US, Europe and Asia installed with GP NiMH batteries.

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PHEV installed with a 30Ah GP NiMH battery pack

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Background information on GP Batteries:

GP Batteries International Limited, a member company of Gold Peak Group, is principally engaged in the development, manufacture and marketing of batteries and battery-related products. It has been listed on the Mainboard of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited since 1991 and is currently a component stock of the Business Times – Singapore Regional Index and FTSE Asia Pacific ex-Japan Regional Index.

GP Batteries' production facilities are located in Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, Singapore and Malaysia, supported by marketing and trading offices in Singapore, Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, South Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, Poland, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Sweden, the Netherlands, the UK, Canada and the US. GP Batteries Group currently employs over 12,000 people and occupies a total floor area of over 240,000 square meters.

For more information on GP Batteries, please visit our website at
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