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## **GAUSSIN becomes official partner of the Dakar 2022 for clean technologies and solutions**

**In addition to its presence in the rally with its H2 Racing Truck®, GAUSSIN becomes a partner of the Dakar, providing clean solutions in terms of vehicle motorization and energy transformation of the Dakar**

GAUSSIN (EURONEXT GROWTH ALGAU - FR0013495298), a pioneer in the clean and intelligent transport of goods and people, announces it has signed an official partnership agreement with the Dakar Rally, making GAUSSIN technology partner and a provider of clean solutions in terms of vehicle motorization. With this agreement, GAUSSIN is now a partner and a demonstrator during the 2022 edition of the Dakar that starts in January.

This partnership is part of the “Dakar Future” program carried out by Amaury Sport Organisation, organizer of the Dakar Rally and promoter of the World Rally Championship created by the FIA.



The H2 Racing Truck® by GAUSSIN, which will be present at the Dakar 2022

### **GAUSSIN, a player in the energy transition of the Dakar**

With the signing of this partnership, GAUSSIN becomes a provider of clean solutions for the Dakar, serving the gradual decarbonization of a competition that aims to reinvent itself and to make its contribution in the fight against climate change. Since 1978, the Dakar has served as a test bed for

manufacturers to test new technologies in extreme conditions. With its Dakar Future program, the Dakar is turning this open-air laboratory aspect towards the development of low-emission engines. The Group will support both the motorization of vehicles and support initiatives within the broader framework of the Dakar energy transformation.

One year after announcing its presence in the Dakar Rally on an experimental basis with a 100% hydrogen-powered truck in the 2022 edition (see PR of December 15, 2020), GAUSSIN is further strengthening its links with the world's greatest rally-raid.

### **A partnership that is part of the “Dakar Future” program**

This partnership should help the competition organizers to successfully implement the “Dakar Future” program, which establishes a gradual energy transition strategy for the Dakar, and also starts a transformation of the vehicles in the race. “Dakar Future” provides for a gradual conversion to clean mobility with a timetable that extends to 2030 and includes major deadlines, the first of which will be played out as early as next January 1.

Regarding the transformation of the motorization of cars and trucks in the race, the first stage will start as early as 2022 with the participation of teams with zero-emission vehicles in the new T1-U prototype category, including the world premiere of Gaussin's H2 Racing Truck®, a zero-emission truck running on hydrogen. From 2026 onwards, all elite competitors in the car and truck categories will run vehicles that meet the new ultra-low emission standard, and starting in 2030, the car and truck categories will be made up entirely of vehicles powered by low-emission engines.

*“The Dakar is the world's biggest rally-raid and represents an incredible showcase for GAUSSIN's know-how and technology. We share with the organizers of the competition - and with the Saudi Arabian authorities - the objective of decarbonized mobility and the desire to fight with determination against climate change. The signing of this partnership strengthens our involvement in the Dakar Rally and complements our participation with the H2 Racing Truck®. As both a demonstrator during the competition and a technological partner to provide clean solutions, GAUSSIN wishes to share its expertise and know-how and thus serve the necessary and urgent energy transition for the climate and the environment,”* said **Christophe Gaussin, CEO of GAUSSIN.**

*“The Dakar has always been a land of adventurers. This spirit of daring is becoming increasingly necessary as we enter a decisive phase, dedicated in particular to the transformation of motorization types. Ambitious companies that adhere to the vision of the “Dakar Future” plan are choosing to confront the extreme conditions imposed on vehicles by the rally. Gaussin has shown its willingness to explore this path and to commit to participating in this common challenge. It is this enthusiasm and involvement that attracted us, the technological know-how already acquired and the research capabilities that Gaussin mobilizes being valuable assets to achieve our objectives,”* said **Yann Le Moënner, A.S.O.'s General Manager.**

### **A partnership that is part of the “Dakar Future” program**

GAUSSIN is joining the Dakar 2022 with its Smart Bivouac®, a temporary installation that will follow the race and that has a power supply is provided by hydrogen. A zero-emission solution that foreshadows what could be tomorrow's solution for the entire Dakar.



The Smart Bivouac® that will follow the H2 Racing Truck® along the route

#### **Upcoming event :**

**Dakar 2022 in Saudi Arabia: 1 to 14 January 2022**

#### **About GAUSSIN**

GAUSSIN is an engineering company that designs, assembles and sells innovative products and services in the transport and logistics field. Its know-how encompasses cargo and passenger transport, autonomous technologies allowing for self-driving solutions such as Automotive Guided Vehicles, and the integration all types of batteries, electric and hydrogen fuel cells in particular. With more than 50,000 vehicles worldwide, GAUSSIN enjoys a strong reputation in four fast-expanding markets: port terminals, airports, logistics and people mobility. The group has developed strategic partnerships with major global players in order to accelerate its commercial penetration: Siemens Postal, Parcel & Airport Logistics in the airport field, Bolloré Ports and ST Engineering in ports and Bluebus for people mobility. GAUSSIN has broadened its business model with the signing of license agreements accelerating the diffusion of its technology throughout the world. The acquisition of METALLIANCE confirms the emergence of an international group present in all segments of intelligent and clean vehicles.

In October 2021, GAUSSIN won the Dubai World Challenge for Self-Driving Transport.

GAUSSIN has been listed on Euronext Growth in Paris since 2010.

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