

Press release

German FAUN Group acquires the majority of Finnish Trombia Technologies

Osterholz-Scharmbeck, Kuopio on 04.10.2022 – With effect to 1st. October 2022, FAUN Group takes over the majority shares from Finnish manufacturer Trombia Technologies Oy.

With Trombia Technologies, FAUN Group extends its product range with the world's first full-power, electric and autonomous street sweeper system Trombia Free. The goal is to enable the electrification of an entire industry and significant emission reductions with its patented technology.

Patrick Hermanspann, CEO FAUN Group: “Together, FAUN and Trombia will accelerate the company's transition to series deliveries and production of the autonomous street sweeper systems. By bundling our competencies, we are taking a major step towards a sustainable and secure future. I thank the management of Trombia for their trust and look forward to working together.”

Trombia Technologies, based in Kuopio, Finland, triumphs with the globally patented Trombia cleaning technology that removes heavy debris, street and industrial dust waterless and with a power consumption of only one-tenth compared to its competitors. Based on this technology, the company launched the Trombia Free -sweeping systems in 2020. Trombia Free systems are equipped with an all-weather autonomous, lidar-based, machine vision technology that filtrates the noise from the environment in rainy, snowy, or alternative conditions. Alongside the Trombia Free, Trombia is also Scandinavia's technology leader in hydraulic snow removal and sweeper attachments.

Along with the ownership transaction, Trombia Technologies also confirmed six million euro growth financing arranged by FAUN to accelerate company's transition to series deliveries and production of the autonomous street sweeper systems.

“With Trombia Free, we set our goal to be the world's largest sweeping machine manufacturer of the green transition by 2029. Now we are taking a long-prepared step along this path together with FAUN.” told CEO Antti Nikkanen from Trombia Technologies.

“FAUN and the KIRCHHOFF Group enable us to build strong global operations. The group's desire to be at the forefront of innovation and develop socially sustainable business meets our company's values. Combating climate change requires new solutions on a global level, and Trombia Free and FAUN Group's innovations are paving this way in the field of municipal logistics and waste management”, Nikkanen continues.

FAUN will be exhibiting the Trombia Free autonomous sweeping system and a Trombia's sweeper attachment on FAUN VIAJET 7 sweepers for the first time at BAUMA, Munich, October 24-30, 2022, outdoor area FM 808/5.

ABOUT TROMBIA TECHNOLOGIES

The story of Finnish Kuopio-based Trombia Technologies, which started as a small and traditional snow plow manufacturer in 2011, is a celebration of Finnish engineering and innovation. The 12 people behind Trombia have had a long-term mission to make street cleaning smarter. Trombia achieved direct annual revenues of approx. 4 million euros and export to 12 countries. The autonomous Trombia Free has aroused wide global interest in smart cities, green logistics and transportation hubs and high maintenance industrial sites.

The change in the ownership base does not affect Trombia's operational activities.

ABOUT FAUN

The company FAUN was founded in 1845 and has been developing and producing bodies for waste collection vehicles as well as sweepers and special vehicles for several decades. Due to the challenges regarding climate and environmental protection, the company has been involved in the production of alternative drive systems for municipal vehicles for 16 years. In 2022 FAUN became the first manufacturer in the world to put hydrogen trucks with EU type approval on the road. More than 2,000 employees' worldwide work for FAUN Group. It is one of the leading suppliers of refuse collection vehicles & sweepers in Europe with twelve plants in seven countries. The headquarters is based in Osterholz-Scharmbeck, Lower Saxony, Germany. In 2021 the group achieved 500 million euros turnover.

FAUN is part of KIRCHHOFF Ecotec, the environmental division of the globally active KIRCHHOFF Group. In 2021, the KIRCHHOFF group of companies generated sales of 2.2 billion euros with 12,200 employees in the four business divisions Automotive, Tools, Vehicle Conversion and Municipal Technology. The Group has 56 plants in 22 countries on five continents.

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