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Vehicle Solar Panels Next Step in Sustainability Efforts

Brink's Sustainability Program is on the move – literally and figuratively.

We took another step recently in our efforts on environmental responsibility by installing solar panels on a small segment of our vehicles to test and learn before a possible wider adoption.

In Ireland, the United Kingdom, Singapore, Japan and the UAE, we've put into operation 36 vehicles equipped with solar panels – with another 75 in queue across our global footprint. The solar panels are projected to save 580 liters of fuel and reduce 1.5 metric tonnes of CO2 emissions, per vehicle, per year. According to the panel's manufacturer, that's equivalent to growing 139 trees for 10 years.





In a company with 16,300 vehicles, we're excited about the potential reduction in environmental impact and anticipated savings. We created a team to pilot and oversee this program, and they will provide guidance on when and how to potentially expand it across the company.

The solar panels, which lay flat on top of the vehicle, provide energy for helping to run vehicle systems including radios, heating and AC, navigation, cameras, locks, alarms, and lifts. This reduces the vehicle's overall reliance on and consumption of fuel and decreases its carbon footprint.

The panels are aerodynamic, shatter-proof and durable. The panels come with a system that also provides data such as vehicle battery levels, real-time fuel savings and carbon emissions. Combined with our current vehicle data collection efforts, these new telematics will provide a more robust picture of our vehicle's operations.

We know our fleet creates our company's largest environmental impact, which is why solar panels are just the newest way we are addressing this important issue. We've also been reducing our environmental impact by modernizing our fleet;

taking thousands of diesel trucks off the roads, implementing dual fuel and alternate fuel vehicles, and continually optimizing routes to minimize distance driven.

For us, sustainability is not just another corporate program. It's a part of who we are at Brink's: stewards of the resources that are entrusted to our care — not only cash, precious metals, diamonds and jewelry — but stewards of our communities and our planet.

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