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PRESS RELEASE

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN RUSSIA, ARVAL PROVIDES AN ELECTRIC CAR FOR OPERATING LEASE

The Russian division of Arval, one of the largest players in the operating lease and vehicle fleet management market, is taking the first steps towards the development of energy efficient transport among corporate clients. The company has prepared a comprehensive offer for the lease of electric vehicles and handed over the first electric car to Leroy Merlin.

As part of the implementation of the global strategy of Arval Beyond, which was presented last fall, the Russian division of Arval (ARVAL) supports the company's ambitions in the field of corporate social responsibility and the transition to energy efficient transport. ARVAL strives to minimize the harmful impact on the environment from its own activities, and also strives to promote energy efficient transport and support customers in caring for the environment.

ARVAL advises clients on the formation of optimal vehicle fleets, depending on the needs and capabilities of the business, meeting the tasks of ensuring safety and environmental friendliness. In order to meet the needs for the harmful impact mitigation as much as possible, the company has prepared a comprehensive offer for the lease of electric vehicles, which includes vehicles officially supplied to Russia.

Leroy Merlin, one of the leaders of European DIY-retailers, became the first company to confirm its commitments and the transition to an environmentally friendly mode of transport. The delivery of the first electric car Audi e-Tron took place on November 12, 2021.

Carbon footprint reduction is one of the pillars of Leroy Merlin sustainability policy. It is being implemented at different levels, including the conversion to more environment friendly fuels, the use of rail transport for long-distance deliveries, the introduction of electric and hybrid vehicles into logistics and the corporate fleet. The company is in course of exploring various options and testing the solutions that can minimize the negative impact on the environment.

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