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VOLVO TRUCKS DRIVING PROGRESS IN ELECTROMOBILITY AT 'FREIGHT IN THE CITY' 2019

This year's 'Freight in the City Expo', held at Alexandra Palace, London on Wednesday 6th November, will see Volvo Trucks showcase the future of autonomous transport and electric trucks, designed to improve air quality and reduce carbon emissions in urban environments.

Making its UK début will be VERA, the autonomous, electric and connected vehicle that can operate with significantly less emissions and low noise level.

Vera is designed for regular and repetitive tasks, over short distances, where large volumes of goods need to be delivered with high precision. It is controlled via a central hub which monitors parameters such as vehicle location, load and battery charge.

"The ambition with project Vera, is to create a transport solution that takes safety, efficiency and sustainability to a new level. With Vera we offer an autonomous, electric and connected transport solution with the purpose to drive prosperity and optimise transport flows in selected segments," explains Mikael Karlsson, Vice President Autonomous Solutions, Volvo Trucks, adding *"Vera means faith and we have faith in the future."*

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Volvo Trucks UK & Ireland provides complete transport solutions for professional and demanding customers by offering a full range of medium to heavy duty trucks through a network of 85 dealerpoints, as well as solutions for financing and service. Based in Warwick, Volvo Trucks delivered more than 6,300 trucks In 2018. The company is part of the AB Volvo Group, which is headquartered in Gothenburg, Sweden and is one of the world's leading manufacturers of trucks, buses and construction equipment, drive systems for marine and industrial applications and services. All the Group's activities are based on its core values of quality, safety and environmental care.



Also on display will be an FE Electric 26-tonne 6x2 chassis with HIAB Hook lift body. Powered by a 400kW all-electric driveline, the FE has zero tailpipe emissions and is designed for city refuse collection, construction and other applications in urban conditions.

With a 12,400kg payload capacity, full air suspension and steered tag axle, the FE Electric represents an opportunity to improve air quality, reduce traffic noise, and cut congestion during peak hours as commercial operations can instead be carried out quietly early in the morning or late at night.

The FE Electric is part of a range of electrically powered trucks for city operations and another strategic step forward in the development of Volvo's total offer in electrified transport solutions.

As cities strive to improve air quality through the rollout of clean air zones, freight operators must step up to the low-emission challenges. Freight in the City Expo showcases the latest clean and safe vehicle technology and looks to support operators with a comprehensive seminar programme where policy-makers, vehicle experts and leading freight operators will share their insight on urban logistics.

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Caption for photograph :

Volvo Trucks will showcase the future of autonomous transport and electric trucks at this year's 'Freight in the City Expo,' held at Alexandra Palace, London on Wednesday 6th November 2019.

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