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## **Electric Commercial Vehicle Visionary Roy Stanley Named Chairman of Smith Electric Vehicles**

**Kansas City, MO – December 22, 2009** – Smith Electric Vehicles U.S. Corporation (Smith) announced today that Roy Stanley, a visionary entrepreneur with extensive experience building low carbon vehicle manufacturing companies, will join the company's Board of Directors as Chairman, effective Jan. 1, 2010.

"We are honored to have Roy Stanley join Smith's Board of Directors," said Bryan Hansel, CEO of Smith Electric Vehicles US. "When much of the EV industry was focused on the development of passenger vehicles, Roy understood that the predictability of the commercial vehicle market offered a much more successful path for growth. The demonstrated clarity of Roy's strategic vision and his global experience comes at a time of extraordinary growth for Smith. I look forward working with him."

Stanley is the founder and former Chairman of The Tanfield Group Plc, a British company that acquired Smith Electric Vehicles UK in 2004. Over the past five years, Stanley has transformed Smith UK into a global leader in electric truck production. Tanfield owns a 49 percent share of Smith U.S.

Roy also developed one of the UK's largest bus manufacturers, Optare Plc, which is now recognized as a European leader in the development of electric and hybrid vehicles for public transport.

Smith produces the Smith Newton at its production facility in Kansas City, Missouri, which started production in November 2009. The Smith Newton was designed to be a pure electric vehicle and operates at peak effectiveness in urban applications that demand heavy stop and go driving. The Smith Newton is fuel-emissions-free, runs without noise or vibration, and stores electric energy during stopping through a process called regenerative braking. It has a top speed of 50 mph, offers battery configurations with ranges of 50 – 120 miles.

Smith vehicles feature the latest in Lithium-ion battery cell technology, power management and direct drivetrains. The Smith Newton is the only medium- heavy duty truck to be certified by the California Air Resources Board.

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**About Smith Electric Vehicles U.S. Corporation:** Smith Electric Vehicles U.S. Corporation (Smith) ([www.sev-us.com](http://www.sev-us.com)), a Delaware corporation, is an all-electric zero-emissions commercial truck

manufacturer. The company licenses its proprietary technology from Smith Electric Vehicles in the U.K., the world's largest manufacturer and industry leader of commercial electric vehicles. Smith is a privately held company owned by Private Investors Management, and the Tanfield Group Plc, based in the United Kingdom. Smith produces the Smith Newton – the world's largest battery-electric-powered truck.

**About Tanfield Group Plc:** The Tanfield Group Plc is the world's leading developer and manufacturer of road-going commercial electric vehicles and aerial work platforms. Tanfield is headquartered in Washington, Tyne & Wear, with operations in Europe, Scandinavia, North America, the Middle East, and Asia-Pacific and Africa. It has two main divisions:

**Smith Electric Vehicles** was founded in 1920 and acquired by Tanfield in October 2004. Following its acquisition, Smith Electric Vehicles is developing into a world leader in new technology electric vans and trucks with greatly enhanced performance, speed and range capabilities. This makes them attractive for all fleet operators in large towns, cities and closed industrial environments. For the first time, these fleet operators have economically viable, zero emission alternatives to using diesel vans and trucks. Smith Electric Vehicles has an unrivalled UK-wide service and support network, which already maintains over 5,000 vehicles for major fleet operators. [www.smithelectricvehicles.com](http://www.smithelectricvehicles.com)

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