

Ballard® Fuel Cell Engine Powers Mitsubishi Fuel Cell Vehicle

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Vancouver, Canada - Ballard Power Systems' (TSX: BLD; NASDAQ: BLDP) fuel cell engine technology was demonstrated today in Japan by Mitsubishi Motor Corporation.

"Demonstrating its commitment to environmentally friendly cars, Mitsubishi Motor Corporation introduced its first fuel cell vehicle, a Grandis minivan, powered by a Ballard® fuel cell engine," said Dennis Campbell, Ballard's President and Chief Executive Officer. "Mitsubishi will join other automakers participating in the Japan Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Demonstration Project, funded by the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, to gain on-road driving, safety and environmental data on the path to applying fuel cell technology in a Mitsubishi production vehicle. It is encouraging to see the commitment that Japanese automakers have made to demonstrate fuel cell technology."

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