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Mouvex® and Hydrocar To Unveil The First All-In-One Screw Compressor/PTO Unit for Trucks at IAA in Germany

Auxerre, France & Modena, Italy – September 23, 2010 — The European Union introduced stricter limits on pollutant emissions from light passenger and commercial vehicles in June 2007. Known as Euro 6, the legislation covers passenger vehicles, vans and commercial vehicles intended for the transport of passengers or goods, or certain other specific uses. Euro 6 regulates the tailpipe, evaporative and crankcase emissions of carbon monoxide, non-methane hydrocarbons and total hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides and particulates.

The Euro 6 legislation had a major effect on European truck manufacturers, who had to begin producing vehicles that emitted less pollutants and used less petrol. To do this, they began developing trucks with shorter wheelbases that are lighter. Recognizing that the Euro 6 legislation presented an opportunity to create an innovative solution to reducing weight while still allowing the truck to offer the same operational advantages, the transport experts at Mouvex®, Auxerre, France, and Hydrocar a brand of Interpump Hydraulics S.p.A (IPH), Modena, Italy, decided to partner in the search for a solution.

The result, after more than two years of development, is the "MH6," the world's first all-in-one screw compressor/power takeoff (PTO) unit. The new MH6 is compatible with a truck's gearbox and is ideal for dry-bulk transport applications, such as cement, fly ash, building material, lime, flour, etc. The MH6 will be introduced to the world at the upcoming 63rd Annual International Motor Show (IAA) Commercial Vehicles, which will be held from Sept. 23-30 at the Hannover Exhibition Center in Hannover, Germany.

"The legislation was probably the most important driver for this project since Euro 6 forced truck manufacturers to redesign their trucks," said Mr. Christian Dietsch, Market Manager Transport EMEA for Mouvex. "We were concerned about this change in legislation and the difficulty we've had installing compressors in the past in some countries like the United Kingdom. Lots of things had to be modified and redesigned on the trucks so there was a combination of factors helped to bring this superior product to market."

Knowing that Mouvex, the world's leading manufacturer of compressors for the transport industry and an operating company within the Dover Corporation's Pump Solutions Group (PSG™), would need a partner in this endeavor, Mr. Dietsch approached Mr. Luca Munerati OEMs' Global Sales Director of Hydrocar, a world leader in the manufacturer of PTOs and Hydraulic Pumps for transport applications and a member of Bologna, Italy-based Interpump Hydraulics (IPH).

The brainstorming of Mr. Dietsch and Mr. Munerati led to the idea to take a Mouvex screw compressor and integrate it with a Hydrocar PTO, which could then be attached directly to a truck's gearbox. The combination would bring the best of both worlds to truck-fleet operators.

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Mouvex screw compressors set the standard in their market due to their non-contacting internal parts, oil-free operation, compact size, high flow rates and wide speed range. Meanwhile, Hydrocar has been producing the industry's most respected PTOs for a variety of hydraulic systems on industrial vehicles for more than 30 years. Some of the most respected truck manufacturers in the world—including Renault, Volvo and Hyundai/Kia—turn to Hydrocar for their PTOs. The benefits to the end-user of the MH6 is faster loading and off-loading times, slower engine speeds, reduced maintenance, improved safety since there are no exposed rotating shafts and an integrated torque limiter. Mouvex also plans to offer a three-year warranty on the MH6.

"The idea is a win-win for both companies, but it's more so for the customer," said Mr. Paolo Cleopatra, CEO of Interpump Hydraulics S.p.A (IPH - Hydrocar). "This provides them with an upgraded compressor and PTO that saves a lot of weight with easier installation. This is a great example of two companies recognizing a problem and then coming together to find a solution."

Field-testing of the MH6 has been ongoing for more than a year with units being tested in Germany, the United Kingdom, Poland, France and the Netherlands. Mouvex-Hydrocar is also in the process of getting approval from a major truck manufacturer to have the MH6 installed on its trucks as a standard piece of equipment. If that approval does happen, then the door will be open for the MH6 to be standard on all major truck brands, with minor modifications.

The companies also hope that the MH6 will just be the first of many different compressor/PTO units that will be developed in the coming years. In fact, there are already plans on the drawing boards for MH6-like equipment for use on trucks in the liquid transport and global dry-bulk industries. And it all began with two men identifying an opportunity and working together to make sure it came to fruition.

"I still remember the first time we ran the Mouvex unit on our benches," said Munerati. "We at Hydrocar did not have a clue about what, in reality, a screw compressor was and I don't think that the knowledge of the Mouvex people about PTOs was much bigger. From that, it has been a very good learning process for both companies to grow an odd idea and end up with a real running unit. It has required a sensitive investment in both human resources and money from both companies, but I do really believe that we are somehow changing this market with our ideas, and it is a big and exciting opportunity."

For more information on the new MH6, please visit Mouvex at Hall 25 C33, or Interpump Hydraulics (Hydrocar) at Hall 26 E40 during the 63rd Annual International Motor Show (IAA). You can also visit www.mouvex.com or www.hydrocar.com.

Mouvex® was incorporated in 1906 and is a leading manufacturer of positive displacement pumps and compressors for the transfer of liquids or dry bulk products worldwide. Through a global network of distributors and original equipment manufacturers, Mouvex serves the following markets: refined fuels, oilfield, energy, food /sanitary, military, transport and chemical process. Mouvex—headquartered in Auxerre, France—is a member of Dover Corporation's Pump Solutions Group (PSG™).

Hydrocar a member of Interpump Hydraulics SpA is headquartered in Nonantola (MO) , Italy, with a very precise purpose: offer new power take-off mechanisms and devices to a variety of hydraulic systems for industrial vehicles. The hundreds of models created over the years and the many configurations applied to its components allow Hydrocar to confidently state that this objective has been positively fulfilled. The constantly increasing number of trucks around the world equipped with Hydrocar PTOs and pumps offers the greatest satisfaction for so many years of hard work and commitment.

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