

## **COMFORTDELGRO EXPANDS ELECTRIC TAXI TRIAL** **WITH HYUNDAI'S LATEST MODEL**

10 January 2019 – ComfortDelGro Taxi is expanding its trial of electric vehicles with the latest Hyundai long-range vehicle.

The newly-launched Hyundai Kona Electric taxi comes with a 64 kWh lithium polymer battery – twice the power of the battery of the fully electric Hyundai Ioniq which is already part of the Group's ongoing trial. This means the latest models should be able to travel up to about 350km when fully charged. And, with Direct Current (DC) fast charging capabilities, the vehicle will fully charge up in slightly more than an hour.

The Hyundai Kona Electric taxi also comes equipped with active safety driving assistance technologies including Blind Spot Warning and Rear Cross Traffic Collision Warning, as well as, regenerative braking system.

Cabbies trialling the new Hyundai Kona Electric taxis will have round-the-clock access to the fast charging electric stations at the Group's headquarters in Braddell and Komoco Motors in Alexandra. The DC fast charging station in ComfortDelGro is the first commercial DC fast charging service to be available in Singapore.

Mr Ang Wei Neng, ComfortDelGro Taxi CEO, said: "The feedback from our cabbies about the fully electric Hyundai Ioniq taxis has been positive. To go even Greener, we have decided to expand the trial with Hyundai Kona Electric taxi which will be first Kona on Singapore roads. The Kona Electric taxi has higher headroom, more safety features and more importantly, can travel longer on one charge. Moreover, we have our very own fast charging station at ComfortDelGro now so that makes it even more convenient for our cabbies."

Mr Teo Hock Seng, Executive Chairman of Komoco Motors, said: "Since the successful partnership between Komoco Motors and ComfortDelGro in July 2018 on the Hyundai Ioniq Electric, I am happy to see Ioniq Electric cab drivers who made Komoco Motors their second home by utilising our DC fast charging facilities during their break, with so much

ease and comfort. I am confident that the new Hyundai Kona Electric taxi will continue to bring convenience to the cab drivers especially because of its outstanding long range. With the expansion and availability of more public charging stations, hopefully Singaporeans are more receptive about electric vehicle ownership.”

Cabby Khoo Siong Peck, 50, who has driven both diesel and hybrid taxis, looks forward to receiving the key to his new fully electric taxi tomorrow. He said: “I test drove it last week and found it to be very comfortable to drive. I stay in Serangoon North so charging the taxi here in Braddell is very convenient for me. The fact that electricity costs less than fuel makes it even better!”

The flagdown fare of the Hyundai Kona Electric taxi is \$3.90. All other surcharges apply.

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### **Background**

ComfortDelGro is one of the world’s largest land transport companies with a total fleet size of over 43,000 buses, taxis and rental vehicles. Headquartered in Singapore, the Group also has operations in China, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, Vietnam and Malaysia. In Singapore, ComfortDelGro operates about 13,000 taxis.