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## **Hymotion Helps Veridian Corporation “Plug-in” to Advanced Hybrid Technology**

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Michael Angemeer, Veridian CEO, with 2 vehicles from Veridian's growing green fleet. The Prius has been modified by Hymotion to plug in overnight using less expensive electricity through new smart metering technology. Solar panels from Solera on the vehicle and at Veridian headquarters will be added within a month for daytime charging. The feasibility of modifying the GM hybrid pickup with solar panels is also being assessed.

Today Hymotion, a world leader in plug-in hybrid technology, announced that it had converted another Prius into a 100 mpg + plug-in hybrid, this time for Veridian Corporation, a large Ontario-based utility company. The conversion was phase one of this showcase project.

The second phase will involve adding solar panels to the roof of the vehicle and to the roof of Veridian headquarters for daytime charging. This second step will be completed by a third Canadian based company, Solera

Sustainable Energies Company™, a leading provider of utility-grid connected solar power solutions in Canada. Phase two will commence next month. The original idea for solar panels on a vehicle came from Steve Lapp, now of St. Lawrence College.

Hymotion is committed to working with Canadian companies to demonstrate that sustainable transportation is doable today. “I think the public is starting to realize that the future of the automotive industry is moving more and more towards being powered by electricity,” said Ricardo Bazzarella, President of Hymotion. “We want to help demonstrate that sustainable transportation is here today and is not just a thing of the future.”

Michael Angemeer, Veridian's President and CEO, took possession of the converted Prius in September. He drives the car on a daily basis, and reports that he can travel about 55 kilometres on a single battery charge, with just a little gasoline being used for acceleration. He says, “It is exciting to be directly involved in the testing and promotion of new technology that can help reduce air pollution and greenhouse gases, lessen our dependence on foreign oil and make more efficient use of our electricity system.”

The Hymotion plug-in Prius will be on prominent public display as Angemeer travels Ontario's highways. "We were able to secure the personalized licence plate 'CONSERVE'," he says. "We will soon also be adding conservation messaging to the car to promote the need to be powerWISE."

Veridian's plug-in hybrid car may be unique to Ontario, but they are being aggressively promoted in some U.S. jurisdictions. According to Angemeer, "As a leading electricity distributor in Ontario, Veridian and its shareholder communities are very interested in advancing the use of technologies that contribute to sustainable energy use. We believe that the plug-in hybrids have a lot of potential for cars and larger vehicles, and hope that our project will drive local interest and further research and investment in this technology. The vehicle will showcase overnight charging using less expensive off-peak electricity through smart meter technology and solar energy."

Veridian has a number of hybrid vehicles from GM and Ford in its green fleet and is investigating retrofits of these vehicles as well as optimizing the use of ultra low sulfur diesel in its truck fleet.

The plug-in hybrid project is being supported in part by the LDC (Local Distribution Company) Tomorrow Fund, a utility industry fund established to finance research projects that advance innovation in Ontario's electricity distribution sector.

### ***About Veridian Corporation***

Through its subsidiary Veridian Connections Inc., Veridian Corporation is responsible for distributing electricity to more than 106,000 customers in the Cities of Pickering and Belleville, the Towns of Ajax, Port Hope and Gravenhurst, and the communities of Uxbridge, Bowmanville, Newcastle, Orono, Port Perry, Beaverton, Sunderland and Cannington. The Corporation also owns Veridian Energy Inc., a Pickering, Ontario based company that provides business-to-business and fibre optic communications services. The City of Pickering, The Town of Ajax, the Municipality of Clarington and the City of Belleville jointly own Veridian Corporation.

### ***About Solera Sustainable Energies Company™***

Solera Sustainable Energies Company™ is a leading Canadian provider of sustainable energy solutions. Founded in 1985, Solera has been providing clean, reliable, maintenance-free solar electricity for residential, commercial and institutional applications for more than a decade. Partnered with Compower Systems Inc., a more than 25-year-old Canadian manufacturer of telecommunications power products, Solera offers the marketplace proven capabilities in sustainable energy and backup power system design, engineering, manufacturing, service and installation, and product supply.

Through innovative products and services, we are empowering our clients to adopt cleaner, safer, sustainable energy technologies to assist in creating a better planet for future generations. For more information, go to [www.soleraenergies.com](http://www.soleraenergies.com).

### ***About Hymotion***

Hymotion Inc. is a provider of complete integration for hybrid and fuel cell systems. Hymotion brings over ten years of experience in the alternative fuel industry. It can offer mechanical, electrical, control system and power electronics design for OEM customers.

At Hymotion, we believe Hydrogen is the power of choice in the near future, and we see hybrid power train and alternative flex-fuel as the most favorable green solution. As a green technology company, our mission is to provide new generation hybrid and alternative fuel solutions to customers that value green and innovative technologies.

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