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Throughout 2007, Renault Trucks maintained its undertaking to respect the founding principles of the Global Compact. This was reflected by actions and decisions predominantly concerning environmental issues and safety.

Environment

Renault Trucks has shown an active interest in alternative fuels and means of propulsion for many years. This has led to an engine operating on gas to be developed for urban utility vehicles.

Similarly, a pilot programme was carried out with a number of French towns and the EDF to test solutions using medium tonnage (7-12 tonnes) electrically operated vehicles, although these were somewhat limited by the battery capacity available at the time.

As part of this drive for improvement, in 2007, Renault Trucks developed and presented a hybrid truck concept, known as HYBRIS, which incorporates an internal combustion engine and an electric motor. One of its main aims is to obtain a significant cutback of greenhouse effect gas (CO2) emissions with a reduction in fuel consumption of around 35%. This concept also incorporates a number of innovative aspects in terms of safety (on-board forward and rear vision cameras, electrically operated brake, etc.).

During 2007, Renault Trucks also launched an extensive fuel reduction programme known as "OPTIFUEL". This programme has a number of different aspects: technological, information technology (on-board analysis software) and training. Its aim is to significantly reduce vehicle consumption and therefore limit the impact of GEG on global warming.

Finally, a major decision was taken in September 2007, by setting up a department in charge of environmental issues for Renault Trucks. Under the overall responsibility of the Secretary General, this department will consolidate all operations carried out by Renault Trucks concerning the environment.

Safety

Renault Trucks made a commitment to the "Sharing the town - Protecting life" campaign organised by the Lyon city authority. This awareness-raising and instructional operation focusing on road safety was a means of emphasising and drawing attention to everything Renault Trucks does in this field.