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**Stoughton Trailers, Electrans Technologies Announce
Technology to Automatically Connect Air, 7-Way Electrical,
Communication Lines in 7 Seconds**

STOUGHTON, Wis. (April 15, 2024) — Stoughton Trailers, LLC, a national leader in transportation equipment, is pleased to announce that Stoughton dry van trailers are exclusively compatible with Electrans Technologies Ltd.'s Auto Connect™ system that automatically connects the truck and trailer air, 7-way electrical and communication lines – all in 7 seconds flat.

As the industry moves to adopt increased levels of technology on the path to autonomous vehicle operation, Stoughton Trailers has anticipated this need so its dry van trailers are now compatible with Auto Connect.

Electrans Technologies has developed the patent-pending Auto Connect, which is compatible with Tico terminal tractors. It automatically connects the air, 7-way electrical and communication lines from the tractor to the Stoughton dry van trailer.

With Auto Connect, drivers will no longer need to step out of the truck. With a push of a button in the cab, Auto Connect couples the pneumatic airlines, electrical lines and the CAN bus or other communication wiring required to operate a wide variety of sensors and cameras. In just 7 seconds, all lines are securely connected and fully operational with signals flowing freely in both directions through the Auto Connect system.

An upgraded, patent-pending coupler on Stoughton dry van trailers is designed to accommodate the new Auto Connect system. A slot on the front bolster is specifically designed to house the Auto Connect receiver and protect the receiver from damage. It comes complete with two airline fittings and an electrical harness to allow for easy connection.

“Imagine a driver simply backing up, pushing a button within the cab and 7 seconds later driving away with the trailer,” said Jeremy Sanders, Chief Commercial Officer for Stoughton. “This is not the distant future. It’s here NOW. We wanted to ensure our fleet customers are ready to adopt this technology as the industry moves to gain efficiency, improve safety and pursue autonomous operation.”

The Electrans’ receiver can be installed, connected and ready for use in as little as an hour on new trailers with the optional Auto Connect coupler. Stoughton dry van trailers outfitted for this feature will be backwards compatible, allowing trucks and trailers to be coupled with legacy connections or the new Auto Connect feature. Being backwards compatible provides fleets with the flexibility to efficiently manage their truck and trailer equipment as they adapt to this new technology.

By choosing Stoughton dry van trailers, your fleet will be ready for this latest wave of technology.

Photo: <Auto Connect Coupler on a Stoughton Trailer> & <Auto Connect>

Caption: Pictured is a Stoughton dry van trailer equipped with the receiver unit of the Electrans’ Auto Connect system.

About Stoughton Trailers LLC

Stoughton Trailers is a top 10 international supplier of semi-truck trailers. The Wisconsin-based, family-owned company designs, manufactures and markets a wide range of dependable semi-truck trailers and intermodal container chassis used for over-the-road trucking, as well as agricultural trailers and other specialty transportation equipment. It provides one-stop build, finance, rental and fleet management solutions through world-class responsiveness and design value. For more information, visit StoughtonTrailers.com.

About Electrans Technologies Ltd.

Electrans Technologies Ltd. is a company providing innovative solutions to the transportation industry and leverages industry veteran leadership and mechatronics talent to provide solutions to improve the operational and energy efficiencies. For more information, visit ElectransTech.com. Auto Connect™ is a trademark of Electrans Technologies Ltd.