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Press Information

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BMW i technology enables zero-emission mobility in the America's Cup.

Solar carports for the BMW i3 fleet in Bermuda and New York.

Munich/New York. As Global Partner of the America's Cup organiser ACEA and Official Technology Partner of Defender ORACLE TEAM USA, BMW makes an important contribution to a pioneering change in the approach to mobility for Bermuda, venue of the 35th America's Cup. BMW is providing the America's Cup Event Authority and ORACLE TEAM USA with a fleet of fully-electric BMW i3 cars. The zero-emission car is perfectly suited to the island paradise for several reasons. The narrow streets mean that it is only permitted to drive cars up to a certain size and power-to-weight ratio in Bermuda. The island location also means that there is much scope for expanding the use of renewable energies. With the installation of two solar carports, BMW, in collaboration with local energy supplier BELCO, is making a contribution to a pioneering energy concept.

"Thanks to our partner BMW, it's not only in the development of our yacht that we benefit from the company's great technological expertise. The revolutionary BMW i3 cars are an excellent example of BMW's pioneering spirit, which is a superb fit with the America's Cup," said Grant Simmer, ORACLE TEAM USA General Manager. "We are delighted that we can travel sustainably and with zero emissions on land as well. The BMW i solar carports are another important step."

There is room for up to eight BMW i cars in one of the car ports designed especially for the America's Cup by BMW subsidiary "Designworks" and the cars are charged by solar modules attached to the roof of the car port. Sustainability also played the central role when designing the actual car ports, which are largely made from the bamboo material "Laminated Veneer Bamboo". As a fast-growing renewable material that takes in a lot of carbon dioxide, bamboo has an extremely positive environmental balance.

A carport will be brought into operation at the ORACLE TEAM USA team base in Bermuda in the coming weeks, with a further carport coming to the city centre of Hamilton. A BMW i carport will be in action for two cars at the "Louis Vuitton America's Cup World Series" event this weekend in New York.



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