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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **THOR ZERO EMISSIONS FUEL CELL BUS PLACED IN REVENUE SERVICE.** **HISTORIC MILESTONE IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.**

Thor Industries, Inc. (NYSE:THO) announced today that its ThunderPower hybrid fuel cell zero emissions 30-ft. bus was placed into revenue service with Sunline Transit Agency, Thousand Palms, CA. We believe this is the only fuel cell bus in revenue service in the world. The bus achieves 7 to 11 miles per gallon which is double the mileage of a conventional bus.

“Fuel cells are the only zero emissions technology and this Advanced Vehicle Program again demonstrates Thor’s leadership role in the bus industry. It is a history-making event for us,” said Wade F. B. Thompson, Thor Chairman. “We are pleased that Congresswomen Mary Bono, a long time proponent of advanced alternative fuel technologies, drove the bus on its inaugural run,” he added. Richard Cromwell, General Manager of Sunline said, “Zero emissions fuels like hydrogen are a home run for the transit industry. High efficiency systems, such as the one powering the ThunderPower bus, can help eliminate the country’s dependence on foreign oil.”

ThunderPower is a venture between Thor and ISE Research, San Diego, CA. Other funding and technology partners include the U.S. Department of Transportation, WestStart-CalStart, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, South Coast Air Quality Management District, UTC Fuel Cells, Siemens, and Quantum Technologies.

Thor is the largest builder of mid-size buses and the largest unit manufacturer of recreation vehicles.

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