

## **Comau to Build Elio Three-Wheel Vehicles**

Southfield, Mich. – Feb. 10, 2014 – Comau Inc., a global leader in the development and implementation of engineering solutions for sustainable automation and production, has been selected by Elio Motors as its automation partner. Comau will provide Elio with powertrain and automated assembly systems to build its revolutionary three-wheel, high efficiency vehicle. Slated to begin production in the fourth quarter of 2014 and available in the U.S. by the first quarter of 2015, the Elio will be built in a plant in Shreveport, LA.

Comau Powertrain Systems will be used to machine and assemble the Elio's inline 3-cylinder, 55 horsepower engine, while Comau Body Welding Systems will design, build and install systems to assemble the vehicle's welded space frame and apply the interior and exterior composite body panels (floorpan, bodysides, roof, doors, hood, trunk and fenders) to the frame. Elio is also considering using Comau's After Sales team to conduct plant health assessments in order to optimize reutilization of assets, as well as Comau Robotics for specialty robotic applications throughout the assembly process.

"We are very pleased to be partnering with Elio Motors on the assembly of this unique three-wheel vehicle," said Kirk Goins, COO Comau NAFTA. "Our long-standing leadership in customized automation systems for the automotive market will optimize the entire assembly process for the Elio providing energy efficient manufacturing solutions."

"I am humbled and honored to have Comau be an important part of our project," said Paul Elio, Founder and CEO Elio Motors. "Comau technology is used by car manufacturers all over the world and Elio Motors is fortunate to have their expertise and experience as part of our team."

The fun and functional Elio, which was shown at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in early January, features two wheels in front, one in back and seats two people (one in front and one in back). It carries a \$6,800 price tag, gets 672 miles of highway driving

on one tank of gas (84 miles per gallon highway), can reach speeds of over 100 miles per hour, is built in America and is engineered to a 5-star safety rating.

### **About Elio**

Elio Motors was born out of Paul Elio's vision for an efficient and affordable, revolutionary vehicle. The American made, three-wheel vehicle engineered for a 5-star safety rating boasts 84 mpg on the highway and 49 mpg in the city. At \$6,800, this vehicle is for everyone. For more information, please visit <http://www.eliomotors.com> or [www.facebook.com/ElioMotors](http://www.facebook.com/ElioMotors).

### **About Comau**

Comau is the worldwide leader in manufacturing flexible, automatic systems and integrating products, processes and services that increase efficiency while lowering overall costs. Headquartered in Turin, Italy, with an international network that spans 13 countries, Comau uses the latest technology and processes to deliver advanced turnkey systems that consistently exceed the expectations of its customers. Comau specializes in body welding & assembly, powertrain machining & assembly, robotics & maintenance as well as environmental services for a wide range of industrial sectors. The continuous expansion and improvement of its product range enables Comau to guarantee customized assistance at all phases of a project -- from design, implementation and installation, to production start-up and maintenance services.

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