



## **MAN Latin America wins five awards for sustainable innovations**

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MAN has been awarded five different prizes in Brazil for eco-friendly technologies. The VW Constellation 17.280 6x2 Híbrido has received the AEA Environment Award from the Association of Brazilian Automotive Engineers for pioneering work in the development of the first Brazilian hybrid truck. The vehicle developed in Brazil is driven by hydraulic diesel hybrid technology. It offers increased energy efficiency, is less expensive than comparable hybrid offerings in the Brazilian market, and is ideal for the conditions in emerging economies. MAN Latin America's hybrid truck has also been heralded as an excellence and innovation initiative, winning two Renewable Energy Infrastructure Awards (REI).

This hybrid truck was exhibited last week at the UN Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development at which MAN Latin America presented its achievements in the development of transportation solutions with low CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. A truck that can be flexibly driven by diesel and ethanol was also presented. This vehicle won MAN Latin America the Top Ethanol Award for the more effective use of this biofuel in the technological innovation category. The company has donated the prize money of around €2,000 to the Ayrton Senna Institute. This organization supports education projects for children and young people in Brazil.

MAN Latin America has also received another environmental management award for its foresighted research into the use of bioenergy. MAN Latin America has been active in the field since 2003, although there were no legally binding obligations around at that time in Brazil. Its pioneering spirit can also be seen in the development of other technologies on the Brazilian market, such as the Volksbus 17.280 which can be flexibly run on natural gas or diesel. The bus has already been used at the UN Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development this year and will also be in action for the 2014 Soccer World Cup and the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

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