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Duty exemption creates confidence in the Danish EV industry

Danish Electric Vehicle Alliance welcomes the extended duty exemption for electric vehicles. The extension creates a framework in which Denmark can become the trial laboratory for electric vehicles that the EV industry wants to establish.

The three year extension of the duty exemption for electric vehicles to 2015 is very well received by the Danish EV industry, who now can work confidently towards making Denmark a trial country for the EV technology.

- It is a wise decision the Government has taken today. The decision ensures that Denmark can become the leading trial country for electric vehicles. We have something very special and that is our large share of wind turbines and high-tech know-how. The duty exemptions ensure that we will get the full benefit of both, says Lærke Flader, Managing Director of Danish EV Alliance. The Danish Electric Vehicle alliance is an independent trade association under the Danish Energy Association.

Danish Electric Vehicle Alliance has 45 members that range from energy companies through to big global industrial companies and car manufacturers, who all see unique opportunities in testing the EV technology in Denmark.

- The EV industry can create the high-tech workplaces that the Government sees as the main building stone in the green growth strategy. The electric vehicles can furthermore ensure that we will get out of our dependency of oil, and the electric vehicle is a gain for our energy system, because the system can utilise the fluctuating wind power efficiently. Last but not least the electric vehicle can make the way for the Government aims for Denmark to be among the top 3 energy efficient countries in the world, says Lærke Flader.

The three year extension duty exemption will provide the confidence which the investors have hungered for in the market for electric vehicles. The three years of extension means that Denmark is one step closer to become a green growth laboratory and that the industry will be able to test and develop EV technology. The extension will ensure more electric vehicles on the roads and thus investments in infrastructure and reorganization of the car industry service

- We do however also bear in mind the time after 2015 and we therefore work on a tax model which can ensure that we get a green vehicle fleet with a long term car taxation model that can replace the duty exemption. The model will ensure environmentally friendly technologies such as electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid vehicles on equal terms of competition with conventional petrol vehicles without costing the state any revenues, says Lærke Flader.

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