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## **NEW ELECTRIC CARS FROM CHINA ARRIVE AT PORT OF BALTIMORE**

(BALTIMORE, MD) --- About 200, environmentally-friendly electric cars from China have arrived at the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore's Dundalk Marine Terminal. The five-door hatchback vehicles, called the Miles ZX40 and the Miles ZX40S, can travel a maximum of 25 miles per hour. The cars will be processed and then distributed to car dealers and direct customers throughout the East and Midwest. The Port of Baltimore is the exclusive East Coast port to receive these cars.

"The opportunity to be the port of importation for these special vehicles, and thus help the environment, is a double win for the Port of Baltimore," said Brooks Royster, Executive Director of the Maryland Port Administration (MPA). "As environmental stewards of Maryland and its waterways, it is important that we continue to seek out this type of cargo and do our part to make our environment clean and safe."

Following a five to eight hour recharging period, each car can travel approximately 60-70 miles in distance. These cars are permitted on Maryland public roads with a limited speed restriction. They are also popular for use on college campuses, retirement communities, military bases, and parks departments. Each car is equipped with heavy steel construction, front and rear fog lights, and anti-crash bumpers. Each car also has a DC electric motor, which runs quieter than regular cars that utilize fuel-injected engines. The MSRP is between \$15,000 and \$17,000 plus delivery and prep charges.

"We selected Baltimore because of its ideal strategic location and excellent port facilities," said Jim Kilpatrick, Director of Business Development for Wallenius Wilhelmsen. "As the East Coast port closest to the Midwest and with very capable longshore labor, the Port of Baltimore was the right choice for this business. We are very excited to be part of the distribution chain of a product that is going to reduce emissions and benefit the environment."

Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics is the shipper and vehicle processor, while Miles Automotive is the distributor. The manufacturer is Tianjin Qingyuan Electric Vehicle Company of China.

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