

**Westport prototype Ford Focus completes
6,214 km Vancouver-Detroit drive on natural gas**

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Vancouver, B.C. –Westport Innovations Inc. (WPT:TSE) announced today that Ford Motor Company of Dearborn, Michigan has begun road-testing Westport's prototype Ford Focus, the world's first natural gas-fueled car with a diesel cycle engine.

A team of Westport engineers and technicians drove the prototype to the Ford Research and Engineering Center in Dearborn from Vancouver, a 6,214-kilometer (3,862-mile) journey. As previously disclosed, the trip included a stopover in Los Angeles in late October, where the car won two gold medals and a silver medal at the 2001 Michelin Challenge Bibendum competition for low-emissions vehicles.

The Westport prototype is being road tested in Dearborn as part of the concept-readiness stage of a joint development agreement between Westport and Ford. In December, the car is scheduled to be evaluated by Ford vehicle and engineering experts at Ford's Dunton Engineering Centre in Northeast London. Westport also expects to make the car available for viewing by investors in London.

"Westport expects that vehicles with this technology would appeal particularly to fleet because they would save significantly on fuel costs," said David Demers, Westport's President and Chief Executive Officer. "The first target for production vehicles would probably be western Europe because that market is already comfortable with light-duty diesels."

Westport began developing natural gas technology for light-duty diesel engines in 1999. The technologies bridge the efficiency and performance of modern diesel engines, with the environmental and fuel cost benefits of natural gas vehicles. The goal is production vehicles that have excellent environmental benefits, but with life-cycle costs, including the cost of fuel purchased over the life of the vehicle, that are lower than vehicles operating on diesel fuel or gasoline, and with better range and efficiency than traditional natural gas vehicles.

Westport's strategy is to develop natural gas technology for diesel engines through key strategic alliances. In addition to Ford, Westport has strategic alliances with Cummins Inc. of Columbus, Indiana, Isuzu Motors Ltd. of Tokyo, Japan and MAN Nutzfahrzeuge AG of Munich, Germany.

Note: This news release contains forward-looking statements about Ford and Westport plans based on the current expectations of management. Ford and Westport caution investors that due to risks and uncertainties, actual events may differ materially from current expectations.

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