Arrival’s autonomous driving technology achieves major AI advancement

— Arrival’s Automated Driving System (ADS) completed a live demonstration at a fully functioning parcel depot, the first time without a human driver inside the Arrival Van
— The milestone marks a major step forward in safety for self-driving technology in the commercial vehicle segment
— Arrival will now begin testing its autonomous driving functionalities on the road in the UK

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Today, Arrival has announced its automated driving system (ADS) has successfully completed a live demonstration at a fully functioning parcel depot. This is the first time where an Arrival Van has maneuvered around a facility without a human driver inside the vehicle. The vehicle was able to autonomously complete all operations that are performed
on a daily basis by a commercial fleet driver. These technologies improve safety and efficiency in depots.

Arrival has been developing its autonomous driving functionality for the Arrival Van, as part of Robopilot, a project designed to improve the market knowledge, functionality, and public perception of autonomous driving systems. The technology then can be adapted for the planned rollout of all Arrival Vehicles including the Arrival Bus and Arrival Car.

“At Arrival, we are building supplementary technologies that will help drivers. Depot maneuvers are the most accident-prone parts of a worker’s shift and with our technology, we hope to introduce greater safety by removing human driving errors happening in confined environments,” said Max Kumskoy, Head of Advanced Driver Assistance and Automated Driving Systems, Arrival. “We are starting with a fixed controlled environment in the depot, where we are truly able to test and validate our technology. We can then understand how it will operate on public roads, in our vehicles, and how it can be implemented worldwide.”

Robopilot is part-funded by Innovate UK and the Centre for Connected Autonomous Vehicles (CCAV). Through the project, Arrival has been able to develop and test its own Automated Driving System (ADS), which uses in-house algorithms, combined with state-of-the-art hardware helping to fast-track the development of self-driving technology and showcase its capabilities. The company is developing a scalable commercial Automated Driving System (ADS), that relies on computer vision and avoids expensive sensing technologies. Arrival is also making HD maps or high-precision GPS completely unnecessary for driving on public roads. Maps will be able to be used as an optional source of data when navigating in a fixed and controlled environment, such as a parcel depot.

Following the successful completion of testing and validation of Arrival’s autonomous driving system in a fixed controlled environment, Arrival will begin testing its autonomous driving functionalities on roads in the UK. Arrival’s aim is for the application to be used in Arrival Vans, across the globe.

“Arrival is playing a critical role in the UK innovation and transport sector by bringing together organisations from across technologies, skills, and services. It’s brilliant to see the projects being developed here picked up and exported around the world.” said Minister of Investment, Lord Grimstone

About Arrival
Arrival (NASDAQ: ARVL), a joint stock company (société anonyme) governed by the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, is reinventing the automotive industry with its entirely new approach to the design and assembly of electric vehicles. Low CapEx, rapidly scalable Microfactories combined with proprietary
in-house developed components, materials and software, enable the production of best in class vehicles competitively priced to fossil fuel variants and with a substantially lower total cost of ownership. This transformative approach provides cities globally with the solutions they need to create sustainable urban environments and exceptional experiences for their citizens. Arrival is a global business founded in 2015 and headquartered in London, UK and Charlotte, North Carolina, USA, with more than 2,100 global employees located in offices across the United States, Germany, the Netherlands, Israel, Russia, and Luxembourg. The company is deploying its first four microfactories in North Carolina, USA, South Carolina, USA, Bicester, UK and Madrid, Spain.

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