

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **EUROPEAN FIRST: SYMBIO CONSOLIDATES ITS LEAD AS A TIER 1 AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIER BY BECOMING THE FIRST EUROPEAN IN FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGY PLAYER TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION TO IATF STANDARD.**

- Symbio obtains the Letter of Conformity to IATF 16949 on the Design and Manufacturing perimeters for its SymphonHy gigafactory.
- Symbio is the first player in hydrogen fuel cell technology to obtain this certification in Europe.
- This certification is a major strategic milestone for a Tier 1 automotive supplier, recognizing the company's technological and industrial maturity.

### **Symbio becomes Europe's first hydrogen fuel cell actor to be certified to IATF 16949, the benchmark automotive standard.**

Symbio, the European leader in fuel cells for zero-emission hydrogen mobility, has announced that Bureau Veritas has awarded the Group a Letter of Conformity to IATF 16949 certification for the Design and Manufacturing perimeters. This certification testifies to the technological and industrial maturity of Symbio and SymphonHy, Europe's largest site dedicated to the development and production of hydrogen fuel cells and systems. Symbio is the first player in fuel cell technology in Europe, and the second worldwide, to obtain this certification (\*).

The IATF 16949 standard is an international reference in quality management, specifically designed for the automotive industry. Based on the principles of ISO 9001, it aims to ensure that products and services comply with automakers' quality standards, thus certifying their quality and reliability throughout the automotive supply chain. It is a key criterion for selecting suppliers of components, sub-assemblies and services to automakers.

Philippe Rosier, Symbio CEO: *"Obtaining the Letter of Conformity for IATF 16949 certification is a major strategic milestone for a Tier 1 equipment manufacturer. The certification of the Symbio Group and its first gigafactory, SymphonHy, is recognition of Symbio's organizational maturity, industrial rigor and innovative power, capable of meeting the automotive industry's most stringent requirements by placing continuous improvement and operational excellence at the heart of its priorities."*

As chance would have it, Symbio received its Letter of Conformity in December 2024, one year to the day after the inauguration of SymphonHy, rewarding Symbio teams' outstanding work and the site's intensive production ramp-up in just 365 days.

(\*) Based on publicly available information.

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#### **About Symbio – A Front-Runner Hydrogen Company**

Symbio is a frontrunner in zero-emission hydrogen mobility, a leading technological and industrial partner of sustainable mobility pioneers. The group combines industrial leadership, breakthrough innovation, and entrepreneurial agility to customize solutions and support its clients' acceleration in rolling out their clean mobility roadmaps.

With 30 years of experience, 10 million kilometers driven, and Europe's largest integrated fuel cells gigafactory, Symbio designs and manufactures a wide range of StackPack™ (pre-integrated and pre-validated systems) addressing all power, durability, and autonomy needs, for on-road and off-road hydrogen powered mobility.

Symbio is an equal-share joint venture between Forvia, Michelin, and Stellantis. Beyond 2030, the group's ambition is to produce 200,000 StackPack™ per year to accelerate the deployment of clean, health and environment-friendly, mobility. For more information, visit: [www.symbio.one](https://www.symbio.one) and [LinkedIn](#).