

## French, US firms ally for electric car batteries

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"This strategic partnership with Dassault highlights Dow Kokam's intent to accelerate the supply of vehicle-ready battery systems to grow the market," Heinz Haller, a Dow Kokam board member, said in a statement.

The two companies have already been working together since 2008 and have jointly developed Cleanbat, a battery system technology for lithium-



ion batteries with liquid-cooled thermal management and high precision electronics.

Electric cars have been a centrepiece at this month's Frankfurt auto show, where an array of top auto companies, including German giant Volkswagen and US giant Ford, displayed new electric and hybrid models.

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