

## CHARGING AHEAD

France has almost 50,000 vehicles in its national postal operation and has a five-year plan to replace the majority of them with electric cars. The cars will be developed as a joint venture between a Milwaukee car parts maker and a French battery company.

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operating expenses because the costs of charging the electric car will be about one-sixth of what it takes to fill current vehicles with gas.

The postal authority acknowledges that the choice will be much more expensive than the traditional gasoline-powered vehicles because the high cost lithium-ion batteries will account for 60 per cent of the vehicles price. The company claims, however, that it will save on



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