



## **Hopper Mobility closes first financing round**

**High six-figure sum raised - pilot projects planned for 2022 - inquiries for over 200 vehicles**

**Augsburg, December 2, 2021.** Augsburg-based tech startup Hopper Mobility has successfully closed a first round of financing. With a high six-figure sum, a group of investors is participating in the company as part of the pre-seed financing. Hopper Mobility has been developing an innovative vehicle for the city, a hybrid of car and e-bike, since its founding in 2019. Delivery of the first pre-production vehicles for selected pilot projects is planned for the end of 2022.

### **Relaxed on the bike path past the traffic jam**

The Hopper combines the advantages of cars and bikes in a unique concept. It's easy to get past the after-work traffic jam in the city on the bike lanes. The three-wheeled body with rear-wheel steering provides high flexibility, even in narrow urban areas. An electric motor provides sufficient speed. Thanks to its compact design, there is room to park almost anywhere, just like with a bicycle. At the same time, the futuristic driver's cabin offers protection from wind and weather. Optionally, the sides can be completely closed with transparent tarpaulins. A driver's license is not required, nor are registration, taxes or insurance.

### **Hopper saves 7 times more CO2 than an electric car**

In addition to its innovative concept, with many advantages for comfortable and flexible mobility, the Hopper also reduces the burden on the environment by a lot compared to a car. The Hopper requires only 2 kWh/100 km. Compared to conventional electric cars, this is only one seventh of the power consumption for the same distance. The range is up to 60 kilometers and is doubled to up to 120 kilometers with an optional additional battery. The batteries are removable and can be recharged at any power outlet. A solar panel on the roof is planned as an add-on for almost energy-autonomous operation (up to 5 kilometers of additional range per hour of sunshine).

### **The vehicle for the city**

"We anticipate a significantly growing demand for environmentally friendly and practical concepts for individual mobility in the city. Although there is only one test model so far, we already have inquiries for more than 200 vehicles," says Martin Halama, co-founder and project manager of Hopper Mobility GmbH. The Hopper offers space for two adults or one adult and two children. The trunk has a capacity of 70 to 220 liters. "With the Hopper, we are addressing the target group of inner-city commuters who want to get to their destination quickly, ecologically and comfortably. In addition, the Hopper is ideal for sharing offers in companies and municipalities." Georg Schieren, responsible for marketing and one of the four founders of Hopper Mobility GmbH, explains.

### **Sustainable technology innovation - Made in Germany**

The startup consistently focuses on conserving resources and avoiding unnecessary emissions. "We are convinced that future-proof mobility can be CO2-neutral and sustainable. With the Hopper, we want to prove that," says Torben Müller-Hansen, another founder of Hopper Mobility GmbH.



The goal is to establish fair and sustainable supply chains and to use materials that can be recycled as much as possible. The use of few components and especially minimal moving parts, should improve the longevity of the product. Manufacturing is planned in Germany.

**Building prototypes and hiring staff - another round of financing planned.**

"With the money from the first round of financing, we will complete prototype development and enable the first test drives. We will also continue to expand our team to accelerate the development course," explains Philipp Herrmann, the fourth founder. For 2023, Hopper Mobility is planning a second - then larger - round of financing to set up series production. To this goal, the founders are already contacting interested financiers and partners.

About Hopper Mobility GmbH

Founded in 2019, the Augsburg-based startup Hopper Mobility is developing the "Hopper", an innovative mobility solution for sustainable, urban individual transport. Positioned between e-bike and car, the concept convinces with minimal operating costs and CO2 emissions.

The market launch is planned for 2023, and an initial pilot series for pilot customers is already in development.

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