Q8 expands its charging network: 16 fast-charging stations featuring Smappee technology

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Q8 is expanding its Belgian charging network by acquiring 16 fast-charging locations from Smappee, 6 existing sites and 10 yet to be developed. For these locations, the collaboration also extends to the technological side of things. Q8 and Smappee are combining their expertise in charging infrastructure and intelligent energy management to make the charging locations smarter, more efficient and more future-proof.

Specifically, Q8 is acquiring six operational fast-charging locations across Belgium and ten locations from Smappee that are yet to be developed. This includes stations in Bruges, Sint-Katelijne-Waver, Sint-Pieters-Leeuw, Andenne, Dendermonde and Sint-Truiden, which will be converted into Q8 electric fast-charging locations. These are a good fit for Q8's strategy, with locations along key traffic routes, near shopping centres and shops where people can shop or grab a bite to eat while charging.

In addition to the six existing fast-charging stations, Q8 is also acquiring ten further locations, which it will develop itself using Smappee technology. This marks another step in the accelerated expansion of Q8's public electric charging network. At the same time, Q8 continues to actively seek new strategically located sites. Smappee also supports Q8 in identifying and assessing potential locations, drawing on its local market knowledge and network.

"Our ambition is clear: we want to significantly expand our Q8 electric fast-charging network across the Benelux. That's why we're constantly looking for new, suitable locations. By working with Smappee, we're stepping up our search for additional charging locations and taking the next step in our continued expansion," says Steven Clauwaert, Head of Fast Charging at Q8.

Future-proof technology choices

The growth in electric vehicle use places new demands on public charging infrastructure. The more vehicles charge simultaneously, the more important it becomes to use the available power efficiently and limit peak loads. Smart technology plays a crucial role in this regard.

Q8 looks beyond charging hardware alone. Each charging location requires a tailored technological solution. For the acquired locations, Smappee contributes its expertise in charging infrastructure and smart energy management, supporting Q8 in their further development.

"Over the past few years, Q8 and Smappee have built up considerable expertise in charging infrastructure and smart energy management. By combining this knowledge with Q8's experience in public fast-charging infrastructure, we're working together to develop smarter, more efficient and more future-proof charging locations," says Geert De Mil, Fast Charging Technology, Systems and Insights Manager at Q8.

From their own charging network to deploying the technology on a larger scale

The partnership marks a strategic evolution for Smappee. Over the past few years, the company has developed its own network of public charging hubs. These locations have provided Smappee with the opportunity to develop, test and refine its solutions under real-world conditions.

This hands-on experience now provides the foundation for deploying the technology on a larger scale through partnerships. Smappee is thus strengthening its focus on its core business: developing intelligent technology that connects energy production, consumption, storage and electric vehicle charging.

"Our strength lies in technology. That's where we make a difference," says Smappee founder and CEO Stefan Grosjean. "But developing technology is one thing. Proving that it works on a large scale is what really matters. With Smartstop, we've spent years building, testing and fine-tuning solutions that have proven themselves in practice. The fact that Q8 now wants to use our technology confirms what we've been working towards all these years: bringing our solutions to market on a large scale."

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About Smappee

We make energy intelligent. Since 2012, Smappee has been developing smart charging solutions and energy management systems that monitor, predict and optimise energy flows in real time, connecting solar power, batteries, buildings and the grid in a single ecosystem. From its headquarters in Snowball, an energy-neutral cleantech hub in Belgium, Smappee has installed more than 80,000 charging points and 14,000 energy management systems, supported by 2,500 certified partners in over 95 countries.

About Q8

Q8 is one of the largest players in the Belgian fuel and energy market, with a focus on more sustainable mobility. Q8 runs more than 480 service stations and a network of over 135 local 'Shop & Go' convenience stores in Belgium, together with Delhaize and Panos. With Q8 electric, HVO100, CNG and LNG, Q8 is also strongly committed to more sustainable mobility. Since Q8 electric was launched six years ago, its charging network has been expanding rapidly. The Q8 charging card and app provide access to more than 900,000 charging points across Europe and virtually all charging points in the Benelux. By 2030, Q8 will roll out more than 400 Q8 electric fast-charging locations across the Benelux. In this way, Q8 continues to accelerate its transformation into a sustainable mobility player.