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## **RH Sheppard and Outrider Partner to Advance Safety in Autonomous Yard Truck Operations**

**Hanover, PA – July 15, 2025** – RH Sheppard, a leading innovator in commercial vehicle steering systems, is proud to announce its strategic partnership with Outrider, the pioneer in autonomous yard operations, to deliver the industry's first safety-certified autonomous yard truck platform.

This collaboration marks a significant milestone in the evolution of autonomous logistics. RH Sheppard's advanced **Torque Overlay Steering** has been fully validated and approved for use in Outrider's autonomous yard trucks, enabling precise, reliable, and safe vehicle control in dynamic, mixed-traffic environments.

"Through a successful development and validation program, as well as extensive review of Outrider's safety case, our engineering and safety teams approved the use of our commercial torque overlay steering system in the Outrider System," said **Simon Malsbury**, Engineering Director at RH Sheppard. "This partnership reflects our shared commitment to innovation, safety, and the future of autonomous transportation."

Outrider's newly launched safety system—validated by TÜV SÜD under its AV Conformity Assessment Framework—integrates 14 safety mechanisms and addresses over 200,000 potential hazards. RH Sheppard's steering technology plays a critical role in this system, supporting real-time health monitoring, AI-driven decision-making, and fail-safe redundancies.

This partnership positions both companies at the forefront of the autonomous logistics revolution. By combining RH Sheppard's decades of steering expertise with Outrider's cutting-edge automation platform, the collaboration sets a new standard for safety and performance in yard operations.

### **About RH Sheppard**

Founded in 1937, RH Sheppard Co., Inc. is celebrating 88 years of innovation in 2025. As a trusted name in steering technologies for commercial vehicles, RH Sheppard delivers cutting-edge solutions that enhance safety, performance, and sustainability. With a legacy of engineering excellence and a forward-looking approach, RH Sheppard continues to shape the future of mobility and autonomous transportation.

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