Aptera Motors Earns FTZ Designation, Strengthening Its Path to Scaled Production

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CARLSBAD, Calif., Feb. 04, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Aptera Motors Corp.** (NASDAQ: SEV), a solar mobility company focused on advancing the future of efficient transportation, today announced that its Carlsbad, California assembly facility received Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) designation.

The FTZ program, administered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, is designed to support U.S.-based assembly by allowing qualified companies to defer, reduce, or eliminate certain customs duties on imported materials used in domestic production. The program is intended to enhance supply chain efficiency, improve global competitiveness, and streamline logistics operations for participating manufacturers.

The FTZ designation enables Aptera to import key production components with greater cost efficiency and operational flexibility. By reducing duty-related friction and improving inventory and logistics planning, the designation strengthens Aptera's production readiness and supports more scalable assembly operations.

"Securing FTZ designation underscores our commitment to building a resilient and efficient production ecosystem in the United States," said Chris Anthony, Co-CEO at Aptera. "This designation enhances our ability to source and manage critical components while strengthening our operational infrastructure."

About Aptera Motors
Aptera Motors Corp. (NASDAQ: SEV) is a solar mobility company driven by a mission to advance the future of efficient transportation. Its flagship vehicle is conceived to be a paradigm-shifting solar electric vehicle that leverages breakthroughs in aerodynamics, material science, and solar technology to pursue new levels of efficiency. As a public benefit corporation, Aptera is committed to building a sustainable business that positively impacts its stakeholders and the environment. Aptera is headquartered in Carlsbad, California. For more information, please visit www.aptera.us.

Forward Looking Statements
This press release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including but not limited to, statements regarding anticipated benefits of FTZ designation, including potential improvements to supply chain efficiency, duty costs, logistics, production readiness and scalability, which are subject to risks and uncertainties, including supply chain constraints, changes to FTZ regulations or trade policy, cost inflation, production ramp and capital availability. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date they were first issued and were based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections as well as the beliefs and assumptions of management. Words such as "expect," "anticipate," "should," "believe," "hope," "target," "project," "goals," "estimate," "potential," "predict," "may," "will," "might," "could," "intend," "shall" and variations of these terms or the negative of these terms and similar expressions are intended to identify these forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which involve factors or circumstances that are beyond Aptera's control. Aptera's actual results could differ materially from those stated or implied in forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including but not limited to, risks detailed in Aptera's filings with the SEC. The forward-looking statements included in this press release represent Aptera's views as of the date of this press release. Aptera anticipates that subsequent events and developments will cause its views to change. Aptera undertakes no intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing Aptera's views as of any date subsequent to the date of this press release.

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