FIAT POWERTRAIN TECHNOLOGIES BUYS THE TRITEC PLANT IN PARANÁ AND ANNOUNCES THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW RANGE OF ENGINES

Today, FPT - Fiat Powertrain Technologies signed an agreement with Chrysler LLC to take over full ownership of the Tritec Motors plant located in Campo Largo, in the metropolitan region of Curitiba (Paraná/Brazil).
The purchase includes the facilities, the manufacturing unit, the production lines and the license to produce the current range of products.

Total investment in this initiative will amount to 250 million *reais* (~ 83 million *euros*) including further development costs.
In addition to acquiring one of the world's most modern engine factories, FPT also announced that the Campo Largo manufacturing unit will produce a new range of mid-size gasoline and flex-fuel engines.
This product will be developed jointly by the Engineering Centers in Betim and Torino, working together with staff at the Campo Largo plant.

The acquisition of this plant by FPT – FIAT Powertrain Technologies will create approximately 500 direct jobs and 1,500 indirect jobs, thus contributing significantly to economic growth in the city of Campo Largo, the local industrial district and the entire state of Paraná.

According to Alfredo Altavilla, FPT CEO, "*acquiring the Campo Largo manufacturing facility will enable us to reach two main strategic goals: first, to attract an even larger number of non-captive customers for this product. Secondly, to widen our product portfolio, offering a new extremely modern and competitive product range".*

"Today's announcement is great news and provides a stable future for Tritec under the ownership of Fiat Powertrain Technologies", said Chrysler Vice Chairman and President Tom LaSorda.

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FPT – **Fiat Powertrain Technologies**

Fiat Powertrain Technologies was set up in March 2005 to pool all of the Fiat Group's expertise in engines and transmissions, and combine all of the powertrain resources of :

- Fiat Group Automobiles (Fiat Powertrain)
- Iveco (Iveco Motors)
- Fiat Research Center and Elasis

With its annual output of around 3.1 million engines and 2.5 million transmissions and axles, 20,000 employees, 15 plants and 10 research centers in seven countries, FPT is one of the most significant players in the worldwide powertrain industry.

FPT can satisfy almost any powertrain needs thanks to an extremely wide range of products:

- Engines with output from 20 to 1020 horsepower and displacements from 1,000 to 20,100 cubic centimeters
- Transmissions with torque capacities from 145 to 950 Nm

This product range covers an enormous array of applications:

- Automotive (cars, vans and light trucks, commercial vehicles, buses, special vehicles)
- Industrial (construction equipment, agricultural machinery and stationary applications)
- Marine (commercial and pleasure boat applications)
- Power generation

Through its Powertrain Research & Technology unit, FTP conducts advanced engineering and research work to ensure that it maintains its technological excellence.

In South America, FPT – FIAT Powertrain Technologies has 3,500 employees, three plants (Betim and Sete Lagoas in the Brazilian state of Minas Gerais, and Cordoba in Argentina) and a research center in Betim, focused on developing alternative fuel engines.

The Betim plant, in the metropolitan region of Belo Horizonte, is FTP's most important manufacturing site in Latin America, producing over 1.2 million engines and transmissions each year.

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The Sete Lagoas plant, though smaller, is an outstanding example of flexible manufacturing, producing a range of four diesel engine families (Family C, N, F1C and 8140), offering the output and torque characteristics for a wide variety of applications.

Research and Development

FPT – FIAT Powertrain Technologies R&D Centers' mission is to develop and apply technological innovations that will improve performance and fuel economy and reduce emissions. Examples of their achievements include the Flex-fuel and Tetra-fuel technologies – both developed in South America – that helped establishing Fiat Group's worldwide leadership in the sector.

Major product innovations now being developed include the Multijet II new-generation Common Rail diesel technology, advanced diesel exhaust gas aftertreatment technologies – particularly those for curbing PM and NOx emissions – and production startup for the DDCT Dual Dry Clutch Transmission.
From the technological standpoint, a particularly important breakthrough is the new Multiair electro-hydraulic intake valve control system, which will be initially applied to spark ignition engines but also has enormous potential for diesel engines.

Tritec Motors

The Tritec Motors plant extends over a total surface area of 1.27 million square meters, with production buildings covering approximately 40,000 m^2.
Chrysler and BMW set up the company in 1997 as a joint venture to produce 1.4-liter and 1.6-liter engines in Brazil.
These engines have been featured on BMW's globally distributed Mini Cooper, the Chrysler PT Cruiser marketed in South Africa, Europe and other foreign markets.
Chrysler and BMW ended the joint venture, with the last engines built in July 2007.
To get it back into operation, FPT will invest heavily in technology, in quality, in increasing production capacity and in providing professional training for current and future staff.

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According to Franco Ciranni, FPT – Fiat Powertrain Technologies General Manager for the Mercosur, "*FPT's investments in the Campo Largo plant are expected to make it into Latin America's major production center for mid-size engines, satisfying the needs of both the local and export markets*".

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