TrelleborgVibracoustic

PRESS RELEASE

TrelleborgVibracoustic expands Chinese manufacturing base in response to growing local demand

Shanghai/Darmstadt, April 23th 2013. TrelleborgVibracoustic, a leading global supplier of automotive anti-vibration solutions, is strengthening its position in China, the world's largest single automotive market. TrelleborgVibracoustic currently operates two Chinese manufacturing units in Wuxi and Yantai. The continued success of both plants and a rapid growth in sales has lead to a decision to double production capacity in Yantai, Shandong province.

The Yantai plant was launched in 2010 and covers an area of almost 8,500 square metres. Initially developed to supply air springs and suspension components for the commercial vehicle market, the plant now produces passenger car bushings and has recently installed a new production line to manufacture torsional vibration dampers for the Asia Pacific region.

In line with constantly rising customer demand, TrelleborgVibracoustic plans to double capacity in Yantai, adding a further 8,400 square metres. Construction is scheduled to commence in the second half of the year. Investing in the existing Yantai facility will allow TrelleborgVibracoustic to quickly roll out the project. Yantai already has an established route to market, local contractors and a trained workforce in place. A quick start-up is anticipated.

TrelleborgVibracoustic was established in July 2012 as the result of a major new joint venture between Trelleborg Automotive AVS and Vibracoustic, two of the world's leading global suppliers of automotive anti-vibration solutions. Following the announcement of the joint venture, Wuxi and Yantai joined forces to become one of the largest suppliers of automotive AVS in the region.

TrelleborgVibracoustic has had a manufacturing presence in Wuxi, Jiangsu province, since 1996. The Wuxi facility was relocated to a green-field site in 2005, moving to a new building specifically designed to house the regions Research and Development facility and to provide room for sales expansion in a market that consistently registers annual growth rates of between 8 and 14 percent. Wuxi covers an area of almost 65,000 square

metres and employs close to 900 people. Substantial growth in the market and a growing local customer base means the plant is now close to maximum capacity.

"Strong growth in sales has lead to our decision to expand production capacity at the Yantai facility", says Dr. Matthias Sckuhr, President for China and Asia Pacific. "The Wuxi facility is already running close to maximum capacity so we have little scope to increase production there. We have additional land available to us in Yantai so it makes perfect sense to expand the plant in preparation for our next phase of growth in the region. Booked sales are forecast to increase by over 40 percent next year with a similarly positive outlook for 2015."

"China is an incredibly exciting market for us and we are pleased to be an established player in the local automotive arena," adds Sckuhr. "Wuxi will remain our principal R&D facility for Asia Pacific, and Yantai will continue to support our expansion in the region."

TrelleborgVibracoustic is a leading supplier of automotive anti-vibration solutions in the global passenger car and commercial vehicle industry. Established as a joint venture between Freudenberg and Trelleborg, the company generated sales of approximately €1.6 billion in 2012. Employing over 8,000 employees in 18 countries TrelleborgVibracoustic designs, develops and manufactures leading edge vibration control technologies worldwide. For more information visit www.tbvc.com.

TrelleborgVibracoustic China employs around 1,200 people and operates two manufacturing units in China, Wuxi, Jiangsu and Yantai, Shandong. Wuxi is also home to the groups Asia Pacific research and development center. In addition TrelleborgVibracoustic has a sales and engineering office in Shanghai. TrelleborgVibracoustic supplies a full range of automotive anti-vibration solutions to the Chinese market including engine and suspension mounts, exhaust mounts, tuned mass dampers, air springs, torsional vibration dampers and MCU bump stops.

TrelleborgVibracoustic designs and manufactures automotive anti-vibration solutions for its global customer base.

TrelleborgVibracoustic Yantai is based in Shandong province and will be the subject of an 8,400 sqm expansion.

Press Contacts:

Dr. Maria Lahaye-Geusen
Corporate Communications
Phone: +49 6151 3964210
Mobile: +49 173 3068129
Email: maria.lahaye-geusen@tbvc.com

Diane Whitworth
Corporate Communications
Phone: +44 7884 118661
Email: diane.whitworth@tbvc.com