



Press release

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## **Trelleborg Automotive continues its substantial investments in China - establishes research and development centre in Shanghai**

Trelleborg's business area Trelleborg Automotive will establish a new R&D centre in Shanghai. The new facility is due to open at the end of the year and will offer cutting-edge noise and vibration damping brake solutions for light vehicles, an area where Trelleborg has a global leading position.

- China is one of our most important single geographical markets and we are continuing to strengthen our manufacturing and development, says Roger Johansson, Business Area Manager Trelleborg Automotive. The market for light vehicles is one of the growing industries in China and it is important that we are located where our customers are established.

- We have had sales and production in China for a number of years. We see steadily increasing possibilities for our innovative braking shims, and there is a strong demand for local support within research and development, says Roger Johansson. Each model of a vehicle requires a bespoke solution, and the R&D facility was a natural progression, enabling us to deliver on-the-spot testing and consultation for our China-based customers.

The state-of-the-art R&D centre is set to include high-technological equipment which will enable the controlled testing of brake and engine noise. Using on-site test chambers, Trelleborg will be able to simulate the brake noise experienced in driving conditions anywhere across the globe, at temperatures ranging from -30° to +45°C. The new R&D centre will also include one laser scanner which will enable the measurement of vibration levels of various engine components.

Trelleborg has five wholly owned production units in China, one of those produces and develops anti-vibration components for light vehicles. The Trelleborg Group today has approximately 1,100 employees in China.

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