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I the undersigned, Bernard Trèves, hereby affirm the Trèves Group's support for the Global Compact and our intention to fully implement its underlying principles.

Within the context of the agreement, Trèves intends to place particular emphasis on sustainable development via the effective use of renewable resources and the deployment of recycling programmes throughout the group's production processes.

Bernard Trèves
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Communication on progress

Trèves, a component manufacturer for car interior fittings and soundproofing, has purposefully orientated its activities following the principles of the Global compact and especially by promoting sustainable development.

This direction is coming true today through several concrete and operational projects, at all steps from the initial study to mass production. The actions include reducing scrap from the beginning, recycling, using renewable resources and reducing the weight of the vehicles.

These actions are important steps towards reducing our dependence on fossil fuels, of which we are now aware of their limited availability and their harmful influence on future generations' environment.

The projects mentioned in our last paper, of which several have been supported financially by public authorities, are being put in place according to the initial previsions: using natural fibres for reinforcement allows Trèves to offer components compatible with the most drastic demands from car manufacturers, the use of felt is being generalized with a new generation of soundproofing products, the use of polyol of natural origin (plants) – to make polyurethane foams – has very promising first results, the production of acoustic parts in agglomerated recycled foam is today a mass production reality (300 tons/year).

Let us concentrate now on two major projects for Trèves in its sustainable development strategy.

First of all, lightened soundproofing products which were mentioned above. They have obvious environmental advantages starting with their weight reduction and not least of all that they can be made with renewable and recycled fibres. With equivalent acoustic performances, the weight economy can go up to two thirds of the initial weight of the part, the consequence of which has a direct impact on the fuel consumption of vehicles. For example, a 12 kg part can be lightened to weight 4 kg, which is a technological breakthrough, protected today by worldwide patents. Trèves aims to produce by the end of 2012 over 50% of soundproofing products using felt instead of polyurethane which is currently the dominating material.

Secondly, there is a new headrest concept developed in view of recycling. This product uses recycled foam, saves on scrap textile and can be easily recycled at the end of its life thanks to its components being easy to disassemble. The success of the concept is proven by several study orders from car manufacturers and by the filing of worldwide patent applications. The production of headrests according to this concept should represent 15% of sales from 2011.

The real calculated impact of the projects that are still in development will be given in future communications, as Trèves is nominated as the supplier.

Faithful to its course of action, Trèves keeps conciliating technological innovation and sustainable development, convinced that investing in research is the answer to the environmental challenges which the automotive industry is faced with.

In this spirit, Trèves collaborates closely with French car component manufacturers, working in the "Fédération des Industries des Equipements pour Véhicules" (FIEV) [French Vehicle Equipment Industries] to create a "guide of sustainable development" which will be presented at the "Mondial de L'Automobile 2008" in Paris [Car show].