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Calsonic Kansei and L&T IES partner to set up an Offshore Development Centre in Chennai

Mumbai, March 8, 2013: L&T Integrated Engineering Services (IES) recently inaugurated its Offshore Development Centre (ODC) for Calsonic Kansei (CK) at Chennai. This partnership initiative called Calsonic Kansei Engineering Centre India-L&T (CECI-L&T) will extend CK's presence in India by replicating their engineering function to support project development.

Over the initial phase of five years, CECI-L&T will focus on expansion and optimization of activities in this facility. CECI-L&T will be one of the largest Global engineering center for CK outside, and will provide value efficiency and support to make this ODC a Global Development centre that functions as an advance development facility for CK.

Mr. Shigeo Shingyoji, EVP and Board Member of Calsonic Kansei Corporation who is the CK's Executive Sponsor for CECI-L&T, while inaugurating the facility said, "We have launched our mid-term plan; called GX4T10, which implies that CK wants to be top 10 global-automotive-component supplier through this midterm plan, which consist of 4 Gs, Green Technologies, Growth in business, Globalization, and Great as to be a truly Great Company for all CK stakeholders. We are very happy that we have found Larsen & Toubro Integrated Engineering Service as the right partner towards that endeavor, and with remarkable speed- far beyond our expectation, we could reach this stage."

Mr. V K Magapu, Advisor to the Chairman and Member - Executive Management Committee, L&T, graced the event. Speaking on the occasion he said, "This ODC facility is an investment for the future. We are glad to partner with CK as their global strategic partner in their pioneering venture in India."

L&T IES' partnership with CK is an enablement of business opportunity in the southern capital of India giving an immediate prospect for a geographical uplift. This strategic initiative will focus closely to support CK's Indian customers. L&T IES will facilitate the ODC with test labs and advance functional areas over the period of time. L&T IES' bilingual engineers are the mainstay feature of this project.

The progress made in a short span of time has been impressive to establish core function teams at CECI-L&T including design and analysis, material research, supplier localization and global process standardization.

ABOUT Calsonic Kansei Corporation:

Calsonic Kansei is a global comprehensive automotive parts manufacturer. Established in 1938, CK is based out of Saitama, Japan, and is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. CK develops and designs automotive products/ components that contribute to fuel economy. CK has a global network with its centre in Japan and emphasis in North America, Europe, and Asia. They have 50 manufacturing centres across these continents with development bases in the United States, U.K., France, China and Japan. Their worldwide footprints facilitate optimal supply of uniform quality through a diversified workforce of 15000 people. CK was among the first to obtain the ISO/TS16949 quality standard in the automotive sector.

About L&T IES:

L&T IES is a strategic business unit of Larsen & Toubro. IES offers product design support, analysis, prototyping & testing solutions in addition to embedded system design, manufacturing engineering, Mobile OS and MMI framework solutions using cutting-edge applications like CAD / CAM / CAE technology for various industry segments such as aerospace, automobile, trucks & off highways vehicles, medical devices, consumer electronics, telecom and industrial products. IES provides services in plant & construction engineering, asset information management and engineering process support to industry segments including chemicals, oil & gas, pharmaceuticals, minerals and metals and consumer packaged goods. IES is headquartered at Vadodara with design centres in Bangalore, Chennai, Mysore, and Mumbai and a global footprint across 30 offices worldwide.

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