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SKF opens hybrid production channel in Indonesia; secures contract with Honda

SKF's investment in flexible production channels enables increased utilization rates and greater flexibility towards customers

Gothenburg, 22 April 2015: SKF has opened a hybrid production channel in its manufacturing facility in Jakarta, Indonesia. This production channel has been designed to be able to produce two different types of product families: single-row deep groove ball bearings and double-row angular contact ball bearings, i.e. hub bearing units.

As a result of its flexible production capabilities and local presence, SKF has also secured a contract for the supply of wheel hub bearing units for the Honda Jazz model. The agreement is valid until 2017 and deliveries will commence during the second half of 2015.

Stephane Le-Mounier, President, Automotive Market says, "Developing manufacturing processes and systems that increase production utilization is key to improving our efficiency and, ultimately, our profitability. I am very pleased to see that this investment is providing value for both us and our customers. I am confident that we can offer customers increased benefits from our locally produced products, customer service and technical expertise."

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