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SKF delivers transmission seals worth over SEK 100 million to Geely Automotive

Gothenburg, Sweden, 6 March, 2014: SKF has started to deliver bonded piston seals to Geely Automobile. The business agreements, worth over SEK 100 million, continue for around five years and call for SKF to deliver seals to equip Geely's automatic transmission (6AT) for their car models GC6, Emgrande EC8 and their first SUV Gleagle GX7.

Tryggve Sthen, President, SKF Automotive says, "Our development work with Geely for more efficient transmissions has given us the possibility to prove our skills and expertise. Our seals meet the very tough demands Geely requires. Our local Chinese manufacturing and engineering footprint enables us to be close to Geely and respond quickly to their needs. Geely recently recognized SKF with the Excellent Supplier Award. We are truly happy about this and it inspires us in our continued work to deliver the right value."

"The bonded piston seal solution from SKF now enables our transmissions to be even more robust, with higher performance. Our cooperation is very benefitial to us and we are very satisfied to work with SKF as an engineering partner. Geely is moving to the premium segment of cars so it is important to cooperate with high quality brands like SKF," says Shaoquan Zhao, Purchasing Director, Geely Automotive.

The bonded piston seal is designed to offer robustness against damage during assembly or operation enabling pro-longed life. This seal also enables the possibility to reduce the weight of the application using a steel piston solution.

The seals are manufactured at SKF Sealing Solutions in Wuhu, China.

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