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FICOSA APPOINTS VICENÇ AGUILERA AS NEW R&D GENERAL MANAGER

Barcelona, 16th January 2007.- Ficosa International, the automobile systems and components multinational, has appointed Vicenç Aguilera as the new R&D General Manger of the company worldwide.

Mr. Aguilera is an industrial engineer with an extensive and distinguished professional record in the automobile sector, having worked with companies such as Motor Ibérica (Nissan); SEAT, where he acted as Technical Manager; and more recently the German multinational Siemens.

With this appointment, Ficosa reinforces its commitment to online R&D with its latest actions in this field which have given it wide know-how and a strong technological base, as well as branching out into other areas such as the aeronautical or communications sectors.

Mr. Aguilera will be in charge of Ficosa's R&D department, aiming to improve and increase the technological aspect of the product portfolio as well as to investigate and develop new technologies to build on Ficosa's leadership as a first level supplier for automobile manufacturers all over the world.

Ficosa manages and co-ordinates R&D activity through a global network of Technical Centers, headquartered at the company's Investigation Center at Mollet de Vallès (Barcelona). This center is connected to Ficosa's other technical centers all over the world, near the customer decision points, in the United States, Mexico, Brazil, France, Italy, Germany, Portugal, Japan, Korea, China and India.

Ficosa is currently working on technology aimed at improving in-car safety, comfort and communication, as well as protecting the environment. Among the Spanish multinational's latest innovations, the lateral, front and rear view systems have been important - for automobiles, buses and trucks, as well as communication systems between vehicles and between vehicles and road network infrastructures, aiming to improve and facilitate the mobility of people.

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