

## JOSÉ VICENTE DE LOS MOZOS NEW CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF THE AUTOMOTIVE DIVISION

Barcelona (Spain), September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008- The Spanish multinational Ficosa has incorporated José Vicente de los Mozos as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the company's Automotive Division.

The appointment of Mr. De los Mozos takes place inside the strategic process of diversification towards other sectors linked to the mobility that Ficosa is carrying out, and that will lead, in the next months to the reorganization of the Group in four Areas: Automotive, Aeronautics, Innovation & New Technologies, and Commercial Vehicle and Other Services.

Mr. De los Mozos will be the maximum responsible for the Group's Automotive Division worldwide, with the objective of consolidating and strengthening the globalization strategy of the company, which is a leader in the research, development, production and commercialization of vehicle systems and components. He will be in charge of Ficosa's Business Units dedicated to automotive product lines (Rear-view Systems, Command & control Systems, Underhood Systems, Door & Seat Systems), as well as the Spanish multinational's production facilities around the world.

In terms of organization, Mr. De los Mozos will be part of the Ficosa Group's Executive Committee and will be directly dependent on the Group's CEO, Mr. Javier Pujol.

In the automotive field, Ficosa has a worldwide team of 7,000 professionals with technical centres, production centres, and commercial offices in 19 countries in Europe, North America, South America, and Asia. With a consolidated figure of 877 Million Euros in 2007 and a portfolio of more than 600 active patents, Ficosa is the provider and technological partner for the majority of automobile manufacturers worldwide.





Biography of Mr. José Vicente De los Mozos

Mr de los Mozos has a long and extensive professional career in the automotive sector. He initiated his professional career in Renault, in 1978, in the engineering process and production areas. At the end of the nineties he was Stamping & Body Manager at Renault's plant in Valladolid (Spain) and afterwards in the Palencia's plant (Spain). Since the Alliance between Nissan and Renault he collaborated actively in the development of synergies, being part of the work groups of experts of both brands. In 2003 he joined Nissan Motor Iberica as Deputy Managing Director and in 2005 he was nominated Managing Director of Nissan Motor Iberica. In 2006 he was nominated in addition Vice-president of Nissan's Industrial Operations in Spain. During his stage in Nissan, he obtained record production figures, with the application of the industrial TOP '07 plan, based on the competitive improvement of the productive centers of the Company in Spain.

José Vicente de los Mozos was born in Sao Paulo (Brazil) in 1962 and spent his childhood in Valladolid (Spain). He is married with four children. He has a degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the Universidad Politecnica de Madrid and a Master's degree in Manufacturing Management Techniques from CESEM Madrid.

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