

## **First Integrated Mirror System for Agricultural Machinery**

**Wolfenbüttel (Germany), 21<sup>th</sup> April 2010.-** The Commercial Vehicle Division of the Automotive Systems & Components multinational Ficosa, headquartered in Germany, has launched to the market the first integrated mirror system for Agricultural Machinery.

Currently all Agricultural Machines, such as Tractors, are equipped with mirrors according to Regulation 74/346/EEC. However, just a main mirror does not give optimal view on areas around these Vehicles, leaving huge Blind Spots which could prove fatal. This is why some of the biggest Machines already feature additional Ficosa Wide Angle Mirrors, but only to a very low extent.

After a series of Field of View Simulations and Prototypes, the Development and Supplier Contract for the innovative Mirror System integrating Main Mirror and Wide Angle Mirror Glasses in one single Mirror Housing was awarded to Ficosa Commercial Vehicle in November 2008. This new generation of mirrors for Agricultural Machineries provides a higher comfort and improves the security for the drivers.

Together with Competitors and Authorities in Germany and Europe, a new Regulation for Agricultural and Forestry Machinery, to improve the driver's visibility conditions by using mandatory Wide Angle Mirrors as already requested for Trucks by Regulations 2003/97 & 2005/27 EC.

As leader in the area of rear view systems Ficosa has been able to develop this mirror making use of his development capabilities and the huge experience which in this area. For this the Commercial Vehicle Business Unit as leader within the Ficosa group already received requests by several other Manufacturers of Agricultural Machinery, indicating that the innovative Mirror System is a major improvement in terms of Safety and Design. The new product further improves the position of Ficosa as globally leading supplier to the Agricultural Machinery Industry.

### **About Ficos**

Ficos is a world leader in the development, production and marketing of systems and components for vehicles. The Group headquartered in Barcelona (Spain), has a global team of 6,800 people and has factories, technical centres and sales offices in 19 countries in Europe, North America, South America and Asia. The Group is a Tier 1 supplier and technological partner of most vehicle manufacturers around the world.

### **The Ficos Commercial Vehicle Division**

Ficos Group has 3 main divisions based on their different product lines and business areas in which it operates: automobiles, commercial vehicles and new technologies.

The Commercial Vehicle Division is dedicated to the development, production and marketing of all product lines of the Group for trucks, vans, coaches and buses, agricultural vehicles and special vehicles. Ficos operates in the market for commercial and industrial vehicles under the brand name Wilke. This Ficos Division headquartered in Wolfenbüttel (Germany), with a global team of 140 people and an annual turnover of nearly 40 M. Euros.

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