

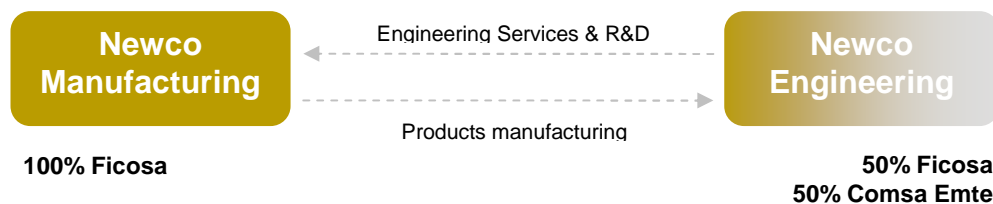


## **FICOSA AND COMSA EMTE INTEGRATE THE INDUSTRIAL CAPABILITIES AND KNOW-HOW OF SONY VILADECAVALLS SITE**

**Barcelona (Spain), September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010** –. FICOSA and COMSA EMTE signed today an agreement with SONY to integrate in their companies the industrial and R&D capabilities, as well as the assets that until Sony has in Viladecavalls (*Barcelona, Spain*). The operation will be effective as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

As a result of the transaction, two companies will be created, based in the current site of Viladecavalls. One of the companies will be devoted to manufacturing and will be 100% owned by FICOSA. The other will be focused on engineering, research and product development, and will be a joint venture between FICOSA (50%) and COMSA EMTE (50%).

The two companies (manufacturing and engineering) will absorb practically all the current SONY Viladecavalls staff. About 85% of the current personnel will continue in the manufacturing company and 15% in the engineering, research and product development company.



The manufacturing company will produce electronic high value add products for the automotive sector, with applications in the fields of security and vision, comfort, communications, intelligent mobility and the electric car. It will also focus on electronic products and applications for other sectors, developed by FICOSA's R&D and technological transfer activities.

In the engineering, research and product development company, FICOSA and COMSA EMTE will work in creating new products that will be added to the respective product portfolios, linked to energy efficiency, rail, renewable energies, healthcare, water management systems and telecommunications, taking advantage of the know-how and experience of the Viladecavalls center.



In order to facilitate the transition, the agreement foresees that the new company will continue to manufacture TV sets for SONY as an external contractor and will incorporate gradually new electronic value-add products.

The integration of industrial capabilities and know-how of the Viladecavalls factory will contribute significantly to enhance the technological leadership of FICOSA in the automotive sector worldwide, will optimize its industrial footprint and will strengthen its diversification strategy, based on the cross-sector transfer of technology and know-how, to other sectors and applications.

For COMSA EMTE the entry as a 50% shareholder in the engineering company strengthens and expands its capacity in innovation, research and development in the areas in which it was already working. At the same time diversifying its component areas of research and the incorporation of knowledge and experience allow COMSA EMTE placing as one of the leading companies in R + D + i in the field of mobility and infrastructure technology. Also COMSA EMTE will take advantage of new opportunities as the development of applications related to electric car.

#### **About Ficosa**

*Ficosa International, S.A., established in 1949, is a world leader in the development, production and marketing of systems and components for vehicles (Rear-view Systems, ADAS Systems, Command & Control Systems, Advanced Communications, Underhood Systems and Door & Seat Systems). The Ficosa Group, headquartered in Barcelona (Spain), has a global team of 6,800 people and has factories, technical centers and sales offices in 19 countries located in Europe, North America, South America and Asia. The Group is a Tier 1 supplier and technological partner for almost all of the world's automotive manufacturers.*

*The Mirror Division is the largest Ficosa Division. It has manufacturing facilities in 12 countries. Ficosa is a certified mirror supplier for vehicle OEMs worldwide with a global market share of 17% (30% share in Europe). For more information [www.ficosa.com](http://www.ficosa.com)*

#### **About COMSA EMTE**

*COMSA EMTE is the second-largest Spanish unlisted group in the infrastructure and technology. The group has a presence in 13 countries and employs 9.000 people. COMSA EMTE recorded anual sales of aproximatly 2.000 million euros. COMSA EMTE has four business areas: Infrastructure, Environment , Services and Logistics, Engineering and Systems and Renewable Energy ..*

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