

FICOSA will develop and produce telematic unit in the new technology centre in Viladecavalls (Barcelona) from January 2013

FICOSA expects a turnover between 150 million and 200 million EUR in four years after signing telematic communications contract

The company will develop this product for the European, Brazilian, North American, Japanese, Chinese and Korean markets

FICOSA stays committed with innovation in safety, communications and advanced technologies

Barcelona, 20th of July 2011.- FICOSA has won a contract within the telematic sector that will allow a yearly increase of turnover between 37.5 million and 50 million EUR, thus increasing sales between 150 million to 200 million EUR in four years. Once the European regulation on e-Call system in new vehicles comes into force, the turnover will reach the mentioned amount of 200 million.

This system is designed to call the emergency services in the event of an accident, reporting the speed of the vehicle at the moment of the crash and the exact location. This unit provides the automobile with the newest communication technologies: 2G and 3G telephony, satellite (GPS/GLONASS), short range (WiFi) and integrates all the antennas with fractal technology inside the same unit.

The telematic unit will be developed at the R&D headquarters of the company, located in Viladecavalls (Barcelona) and will be exported to Europe, Brazil, North America, Japan, China and Korea. FICOSA plans to start producing this unit in January 2013.

Some important functions are:

- In-vehicle access to Internet, connexion with home PC, downloads (music, films...)
- Localization and blocking in case of theft
- Control of the vehicle conditions with the mobile phone
- Remote diagnosis of electric car response
- Warning to owner when the car is being towed away

- Tracking down via mobile of the parked car
- WiFi Internet connexion for other devices (laptops, smartphones, tablets)
- Bonus collection for ecologic driving.

This new contract positions FICOSA at the top of the most advanced technologies with products related to driver's safety. FICOSA is thus positioned as a key player in telematic communications thanks to this contract that will ensure the work load in the new Technological centre in Viladecavalls (Barcelona).

About FICOSA

FICOSA is an industrial group based in Spain and a global leader in research, development, production and marketing of automotive systems and parts. Founded in 1949, the company, with headquarters in Barcelona (Spain), holds a team close to 8,000 employees and manufacturing plants, technological centres and offices located throughout 19 countries in Europe, North America, South America and Asia.

The Group invests 4% of its income in R&D, and operates one of the top technology development centres in Spain addressed to the automotive, electronics, energy and communications industries. FICOSA has positioned itself for the future as a world leader in electronic systems with a global and more diversified business agenda and an expanded added value product line.

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