

## **Antolin reinforces its technology solutions business in Asia with a new plant in India**

- **The centre will produce solutions that combine lighting, HMI systems and electronics for leading manufacturers in the Indian market, leveraging the emerging demand for smart advanced surfaces and functional lighting.**
- **The company is cementing its place in one of the markets with the highest growth potential for its business as part of its transformation process, which is focused on providing added value to its customers through the development of innovative technology solutions.**

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**Burgos, January 18 2024-** Antolin, a global provider of technology solutions for car interiors, has set as the top goal of its transformation plan to reinforce its presence in markets with a high potential to grow its business. In keeping with this roadmap, the company has opened its first factory in India specialising in lighting, HMI systems and electronics. Antolin thus improves its industrial and technological capabilities in one of the largest automotive markets in the world, and it does so in the technology solutions business, an area of activity that will be the driving force behind the company's growth in coming years.

The opening ceremony was attended by Ernesto Antolin, Chairman of Antolin, representatives of the company's customers, authorities and other Antolin executives.

The new centre is located in the town of Chakan (Pune), one of the most industrialised regions in the country and home to plants of the leading automotive manufacturers. Thanks to cutting-edge processes and technologies, Antolin will produce advanced

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solutions and components for its largest customers on the Indian market; specifically, Tata, Suzuki, Toyota, Mahindra and Skoda-VW. The factory will employ 200 highly skilled employees within two years and comprises 3,200 square meters of manufacturing and assembly area and adjoining offices.

In addition to the plant's opening, Antolin has reinforced its technology solutions business in India by setting up a specific team of the Lighting, HMI and Electronics Business Unit for this market. Aided by this specialised team, Antolin will be able to harness the emerging demand for smart advanced surfaces and functional lighting from vehicle manufacturers in India that seek to develop more advanced interiors in order to improve the passenger travel experience.

The projects of the new factory include all the ambient lighting for the new Mahindra electric vehicle platform, as well as an innovative Central Touch Control Panel project for Tata's Safari and Harrier models. This project, which is already being produced at the plant, integrates sophisticated smart surface, multicolor ambient lighting, capacitive switches and electronics. By combining several HMI functions, the design of this part maximises the interface for the end user and the vehicle customisation options.

“With the new plant in Chakan and the specialized lighting, HMI and electronic solutions team, we will be closer to our customers, adapting to their technical requirements while also seeking ways to collaborate in innovation and technological development. We are expanding in a country that offers enormous growth opportunities for Antolin in coming years in terms of both sales and of creating a large technology and engineering hub for the region”, said Ernesto Antolin, Chairman of Antolin. He also thanked the customers for their support and praised the employees for their untiring efforts in the process of construction of the modern facility.

Antolin has a transformation plan underway (2023-2026) with the aim of developing a solid and profitable long-term growth project. One of the pillars of the plan is to grow and expand in Asia, and specifically in the Indian market, a key country to evolve in the region.

Antolin has a solid industrial and sales network in India with nine industrial centres and two technical-commercial offices, employing more than 2,000 highly qualified employees.

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## **About Antolin**

***Antolin is one of the world's largest manufacturers of vehicle components and a global supplier of technological solutions for automotive interiors. The company supplies the world's leading car manufacturers through 130 factories in 25 countries. Antolin has 24,000 employees and sales of €4,451 million in 2022.***

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*Antolin offers high added value products via five Business Units: Overheads; Doors & Hard Trim; IPs & Central Consoles; Lighting, HMI & Electronics and Components & JITs.*

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