



Dr. Oliver Gruenberg joins SkodaAuto India as Managing Director – Technical Affairs

Aurangabad, 10th August 2010: SkodaAuto India, a fully owned subsidiary of SkodaAuto A.S., Czech Republic and one of the most promising automobile companies in India, announced the appointment of **Dr. Oliver Gruenberg** as its new **Managing Director – Technical Affairs**.

Dr. Oliver Gruenberg assumed responsibilities from August 1st 2010 and has taken over from Mr Jean-Marie Lagey, Managing Director Technical Affairs who retired from Skoda Auto India after a distinguished tenure. Mr Lagey has been assigned new responsibilities in Europe.

In his previous capacity as Manufacturing Director and Deputy General Director of Volkswagen Russia, Dr. Gruenberg played a key role in driving the business in Russia. After having led the company to production readiness in full cycle production in 2009, he took over the responsibility for the Volkswagen plant in Sarajevo Bosnia within the business area of driving systems.

A student of Physics from the Technical University of Braunschweig, Dr. Gruenberg has also completed his Doctorate in Engineering Sciences. He did his doctoral theme in engineering sciences on quality improvement in high volume car coating techniques. He joined the Volkswagen Group in Wolfsburg in 1995 completing his Doctorate during his stint at Volkswagen. Since then, he has taken several positions of rising responsibilities within Volkswagen Group.

Mr. Thomas Kuehl will continue as the Spokesperson of the company and Member of the Board & Director Sales & Marketing. Subsequently, Mr. Sanjay

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Mundade will continue as the CFO and member of the Board of Commercial Affairs and Mr. Makarand Deshpande as member of the board of Human Resources and Administration at SkodaAuto India.

About SkodaIndia: Skoda has been operating in India since November 2001 as a subsidiary of SkodaAuto a. s. Czech Republic (Volkswagen Group), one of the fastest growing car manufacturers in Europe. It has set up a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Shendra near Aurangabad, Maharashtra. The facility is spread across 300,000 sq. mt. SkodaIndia has 3 models on sale in India – Skoda Superb, Skoda Laura and Skoda Fabia. Skoda Auto India has a network of **63 Dealerships** and **4 Boutique showrooms** across the country and has sold **over 91595 units** since November 2001.

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