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Daimler AG: Daimler Trucks Examining Possibility of Acquiring a Stake in Russian Truck Maker Kamaz

Daimler AG / Strategic Company Decision

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- Daimler exclusive negotiating partner of Troika Dialog in talks to acquire 42% of the shares in Kamaz
- Russia is already Europe's biggest truck market

Stuttgart – As part of its growth strategy for the BRIC countries, Daimler Trucks is currently examining various possibilities for entering the Russian volume market. Along with the option of building a new factory for local assembly of Daimler Trucks, the division is also studying the possibility of acquiring a stake in the Russian truck manufacturer Kamaz that would enable the two companies to combine their development, production, and sales expertise. Daimler would bring in the technological know-how of the global industry leader, while Kamaz has the production facilities, sales structures, and a good network in Russia.

In the second quarter of 2008, Daimler had started negotiations with the investment company 'Troika Dialog', which would like to sell 42% of the shares in Kamaz. In a bidding process with diverse Western OEMs involved, Daimler was then chosen as the exclusive negotiating partner. Shortly after that Daimler started a due diligence in order to evaluate all relevant factors for a possible company participation.

A final decision on Daimler Trucks' strategy for Russia is expected to be made by the end of this year.

Further information from Daimler is available on the internet at:
www.media.daimler.com

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emissions, fuel economy and safety, the resolution of pending governmental investigations and the outcome of pending or threatened future legal proceedings; and other risks and uncertainties, some of which we describe under the heading 'Risk Report' in Daimler's most recent Annual Report and under the headings 'Risk Factors' and 'Legal Proceedings' in Daimler's most recent Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. If any of these risks and uncertainties materialize, or if the assumptions underlying any of our forward-looking statements prove incorrect, then our actual results may be materially different from those we express or imply by such statements. We do not intend or assume any obligation to update these forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made.

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Daimler sells its products in nearly all the countries of the world and has production facilities on five continents. The company's founders, Gottlieb Daimler and Carl Benz, continued to make automotive history following their invention of the automobile in 1886. As an automotive pioneer, Daimler and its employees willingly accept an obligation to act responsibly towards society and the environment and to shape the future of safe and sustainable mobility with groundbreaking technologies and high-quality products. The current brand portfolio includes the world's most valuable automobile brand, Mercedes-Benz, as well as smart, AMG, Maybach, Freightliner, Sterling, Western Star, Mitsubishi Fuso, Setra, Orion and Thomas Built Buses. The company is listed on the stock exchanges in Frankfurt, New York and Stuttgart (stock exchange abbreviation DAI). In 2007, the Group sold 2.1 million vehicles and employed a workforce of over 270,000 people; revenue totaled €99.4 billion and EBIT amounted to €8.7 billion. Daimler is an automotive Group with a commitment to excellence, and aims to achieve sustainable growth and industry-leading profitability.

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