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HiQ wins infotainment order from Volvo Cars

HiQ has won an order from Volvo Cars to take responsibility for quality assurance of certain areas of the test process for a new infotainment system. The assignment is a total supply contract for HiQ and the results are expected to be ready by the end of 2009.

“We have been instructed to take responsibility for certain areas in the quality assurance of a new infotainment system. In brief, we will be reviewing the current framework for test work, producing new test cases and also working on creating opportunities for automated testing of those cases that do not need to be tested manually. We complement Volvo Cars’ existing test department well within these areas, and naturally we are extremely proud of winning this order,” says Patrik Sahlsten, Account Manager at HiQ.

An infotainment system is the name given to the systems that manage all communication in the vehicle and between the vehicle and the outside world. In modern vehicles it largely concerns equipping the vehicle with a modern entertainment system that includes audio, video and TV. In addition, the vehicle must be able to communicate effectively with the outside world, for example via its navigation system.

“This type of system is now an extensive and important part of the vehicle, and the requirements of such quality assurance work are therefore high. HiQ has worked on quality assurance within R&D for clients in various industries for over ten years. With our solid experience and expertise we can help our client become more effective – and thus also more cost-effective – in its quality assurance work. That is important to us,” says Lars Stugemo, President and CEO of HiQ.

In recent years HiQ has implemented a major initiative focusing on the automotive industry; this initiative that has been successful and has resulted in HiQ winning market share in the sector. HiQ has continually increased its presence and has a strong offering in areas such as active safety systems, infotainment and hybrid technology.

“We continue to see great potential within our specialist areas and much of the software being built into new vehicle models is associated with these areas. Our strong position in telecoms makes us of particular interest to work with as a partner. This order from Volvo Cars, along with the certain amount of stabilisation that we have seen in the market, has made HiQ bold enough to recruit additional skilled developers and testers,” says Jerker Lindsten, Managing Director at HiQ Göteborg.

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