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Trelleborg invests in increased production of noise-suppression material DuruLam™ in Kalmar

Trelleborg is investing in increased production capacity for a new, innovative engine-compartment noise-suppression product for different types of vehicles. The product is called DuruLam,™ which has been invented and developed by the Group's Kalmar-based subsidiary, Trelleborg Rubore AB. Since its introduction just two years ago, this product has achieved major successes in the passenger car and truck segments of the automotive industry on a worldwide basis.

The new investment in the Kalmar plant is worth SEK 60 M and includes a new 5,000 m² building in which a twin-belt heat-treatment press will be installed.

"This manner of suppressing noise was previously impossible, but thanks to DuruLam™ the noise level in engine compartments can now be considerably reduced and ride quality is thus effectively improved," says Trelleborg Rubore's President, Percy Josefsson. DuruLam,™ which consists of different layers of polymer materials and steel, is currently unique in that no product of a corresponding nature exists in the market.

Construction work on the new building will commence in August this year and is expected to be completed by February 2002. Installation of machines will then begin and production is scheduled to start in early May.

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