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Trelleborg strengthens production of brake shims Takes over Ruukki production plant for surface treatment of steel

Trelleborg is integrating an existing supplier in the specialized surface treatment of steel into the Trelleborg Automotive business area. The plant is located in Gävle, Sweden, and was previously owned by the Finnish steel company, Ruukki.

The plant has 35 employees and is a key supplier to Trelleborg Automotive's production of brake shims, a component in vehicle brakes that eliminates noise and vibrations.

"The takeover will enable us to further strengthen control of our value chain, while increasing our flexibility in terms of steel purchases," says Roger Johansson, Business Area President of Trelleborg Automotive. "The brake shims segment is already displaying good profitability and has a strong development potential."

The operations will be integrated with the Trelleborg Automotive business area. Trelleborg pays approximately SEK 26 M for the assets.

The transfer of the plant is expected to occur during the fourth quarter of 2008.

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