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Praise from French environmental minister:

Scania's environmental programmes in Angers a model for the industry

Scania Production Angers, France, which celebrates its tenth anniversary this year, has been singled out by Madame Roselyne Bachelot, Minister for Ecology and Sustainable Development, as a model for the automotive industry in terms of environmental programmes.

"The industry as a whole should pay attention to what Scania has achieved in terms of environmental protection in its production operations in Angers," commented Madame Bachelot, who made particular reference to the minimisation of emissions and the implementation of energy conservation measures at the plant.

The Minister also noted that Scania Production Angers achieved ISO 14001 environmental certification of all of its operations at an early stage.

The minister's words of praise were delivered to about 2,000 employees, their families and other guests at an open day as part of the tenth anniversary celebrations of Scania's assembly operations in Angers. The celebrations also coincided with the 25th anniversary of Scania France, Scania's French sales and service subsidiary.

"The Scania production unit in Angers, which was opened in 1992, has been a major success story, not only in terms of volumes, but also of quality," comments Per Hallberg, Group Vice President and head of global production at Scania. At present, it accounts for about 25% of Scania's European volumes and has produced over 70,000 trucks since operations commenced."

Scania's millionth truck will leave the production line shortly. And that event is also planned for Angers.

Scania is one of the world's leading manufacturers of trucks and buses for heavy transport applications, and of industrial and marine engines. With 28,300 employees and production facilities in Europe and Latin America, Scania is one of the most profitable companies in its sector. In 2001, turnover totalled SEK 53,000 million and the result after financial items was SEK 1,500 million. Scania products are marketed in about 100 countries worldwide and some 95 percent of Scania's vehicles are sold outside Sweden.

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