

Semcon signs agreement with ABB in Olofström.

Semcon and ABB's business areas for the auto and manufacturing industry in Olofström have joined forces in respect of construction and manufacturing. Semcon will be the Preferred Supplier in the areas of construction and manufacturing for the auto industry production equipment, known as Body-in-White and Press Automation.

Within the framework of the agreement, Semcon will employ a number of people previously laid off by ABB and Semcon will set up a local office in Olofström.

"By developing strong partnerships for technical cooperation, ABB becomes a better and more competitive supplier to the auto industry," says Kenneth Jonsson, Site Manager, Olofström, Automotive Industries in Sweden Business Area. Automotive Industry provides products, solutions and services to the auto industry. "Semcon will also contribute substantially in their offerings within areas like CE marks/manufacturing declarations, production of manuals and other comprehensive documentation. That's where Semcon is one of the strongest players on the Swedish market," he continues.

"By working together, we see an opportunity to reach more customers within the auto industry and also to implement ABB's concept in a number of other industries that need to improve efficiency in production," says Area Manager Peter M Nilsson at Semcon. "We will employ people from ABB and set up an office in Olofström, because it is important to be on site close to our customers. In general we believe that this kind of directed cooperation is something that is becoming more important to the industry as they focus on their core business in combination with close cooperation with strategic partners who provide complimentary, prompt and strong competence."

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