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Global cooperation with Scania number 1,000,000

The manufacture of Scania's millionth vehicle - a truck - demonstrates the flexibility of Scania's production system. Eleven production plants the world over worked together to produce this historic vehicle. The various parts and components made in various factories in Europe and Latin America recently made their way to Zwolle in the Netherlands where they were put together to create a truly global truck.

Scania's millionth vehicle is a three-axle tractor (a Scania P124 CA6x4). The truck will be given to the International Red Cross and, after concluding its duties there, will be returned to its cradle at Scania: the first assembly hall at "Vagnfabriksaktiebolaget i Södertelge", today Scania's corporate museum in Södertälje.

The production of Scania's millionth vehicle is also manifested in the company's increasingly swift pace of growth. Scania was founded in 1891. It took 75 years to build the first 100,000 vehicles (1966). Vehicle number 500,000 was made in 1987, that is to say 96 years after the company was founded, but it took just another 13 years to make the next half-million vehicles. Today, Scania produces about 50,000 units a year. Of the one million vehicles that Scania has made to date, 895,000 are trucks and 105,000 are buses.

Today, Scania's trucks, buses and industrial and marine engines do service in more than 100 countries all over the world. Production too is global, with factories in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, France, the Netherlands, Poland, Denmark and Sweden. The first factory outside Sweden was established in São Paulo in Brazil, back in 1958.

Scania's model range is based on a unique global modular system that permits a very wide variety of vehicles to be made from a limited range of parts and components. The modular system provides considerable economies of scale in the spheres of development and production. The components are shared, irrespective of whether a vehicle is intended for Europe, Latin America or any other market in the world. Many components are also shared between Scania's trucks and buses.

Scania's millionth vehicle originates in the following countries:

Argentina Final drive from Tucumán Brazil Engine block from São Paulo

Sweden Frame and rear axle housing from Luleå

Axles from Falun

Engine assembly, drilling and painting of side-beams and ma-

chining of transmission components in Södertälje

Cab production in Oskarshamn

Transmission manufacture in Sibbhult The Netherlands Final assembly of the truck in Zwolle

France Pre-delivery inspection in Angers

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Scania is one of the world's leading manufacturers of trucks and buses for heavy transport applications, and of industrial and marine engines. With 25,800 employees and production facilities in Europe and Latin America, Scania is one of the most profitable companies in its sector. In 1999, turnover totalled SEK 47,100 million and the result after financial items was SEK 4,500 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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