



ZF Rane Inaugurates Inflator Manufacturing and Sled Test Facility at Trichy, Tamil Nadu

Chennai, India, September 13, 2024 – ZF Rane Automotive India Pvt Ltd., a joint venture of Rane Group with the German ZF Group, inaugurates new Inflator plant and Sled test facility for its occupant safety business at Tiruchirappalli (Trichy), Tamil Nadu.

The plant was inaugurated by Mr. Vinod Sahay, President – Aerospace & Defence, Trucks, Buses & CE & Chief Purchase Officer - Auto & Farm Sector, M&M and Mr. R. Velusamy, President - Automotive Technology & Product Development, M&M and attended by management team of ZF, Rane and supplier partners.

The facility is strategically located in Trichy-Chennai national highway, 40 kms from Trichy and 300 kms from Chennai. The new inflator facility will help enhance local content in Airbags.

The company has invested close to Rs. 100 Crores in setting up the Inflator and Sled Facility. Inflator plant initially will produce the Driver and Passenger versions from the state-of-the-art facility within the ZF Rane Trichy plant. Initial capacity will be around 3 million inflators per annum. The Sled facility enhances our capability in the testing and enables us to offer products at reduced lead-time.

These investments are aligned with the goal to bring best-in-class and cutting-edge technology into the country in line with the government's "Make in India" Initiative. These investments will also help customers with increased local content and reduction of development lead-time.

Commenting on the event, **Mr. Harish Lakshman, Chairman, Rane Group & Managing Director, ZF Rane Automotive India Pvt. Ltd.**, said, "The inauguration of the Inflator and Sled Test Facility at ZF Rane in Trichy marks a significant milestone in our ongoing commitment to enhancing safety in the Indian automotive industry. By boosting local manufacturing capabilities, we are better positioned to meet the growing demands of the market while strengthening our 'Make in India' efforts. This state-of-the-art facility reinforces our dedication to delivering global technologies matching the evolving needs of our customers, while maintaining the highest standards of quality."



Speaking on the occasion, **Mr. Rudolf Stark, Executive Vice President, ZF LIFETEC**, said, “With this investment, we are well prepared to capitalize on the sustainable growth potential of the passive safety systems market. Longstanding customer relationships, proven technology and system competence as well as quality leadership is what sets us apart from others. Keeping the inflator production inhouse and expanding our testing footprint globally is a vital part of our strategy”.

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About ZF

ZF is a global technology company supplying advanced mobility products and systems for passenger cars, commercial vehicles and industrial technology. Its comprehensive product range is primarily aimed at vehicle manufacturers, mobility providers and start-up companies in the fields of transportation and mobility. ZF electrifies a wide range of vehicle types. With its products, the company contributes to reducing emissions, protecting the climate as well as enhancing safe mobility. Alongside the automotive sector – passenger cars and commercial vehicles – ZF also serves market segments such as construction and agricultural machinery, wind power, marine propulsion, rail drives and test systems.

With some 168,700 employees worldwide, ZF reported sales of €46.6 billion in fiscal 2023. The company operates 162 production locations in 31 countries.

About ZF LIFETEC

ZF LIFETEC is a leading passive safety technology provider for enhanced protection of vehicle occupants. Employing around 36,000 employees dedicated to the mission of saving lives with a technology driven approach, the company develops, manufactures and distributes a comprehensive product portfolio including airbag, seat belt and steering wheel systems, covering a wide range from small vehicles in the volume segment up to sophisticated luxury vehicles. Featuring a market share exceeding 20 percent in its core



product categories, ZF LIFETEC has a worldwide presence at 48 locations across 20 countries. In the fiscal year 2023, the Group generated sales of EUR 4.6 billion. Based on its strong relationships with a diversified customer base of global OEMs, driven by outstanding quality, long-standing R&D collaborations besides a strong global innovation platform, ZF LIFETEC is well positioned for future growth opportunities arising from the automotive megatrends electrification, (semi-) automated driving, smart interior, as well as increasing safety demands and stepped-up safety regulations worldwide.

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About Rane Group

Headquartered in Chennai, India, Rane Group is engaged primarily in manufacturing auto components for well over five decades. Rane Group is a preferred supplier to major OEMs in India and abroad. Through its group companies, it manufactures Steering and Suspension systems, Friction materials, Valve train components, Occupant safety systems, Light metal casting products. Its products serve a variety of industry segments including Passenger Vehicles, Commercial Vehicles, Farm Tractors, Two-wheelers, Three-wheelers, Railways and stationery Engines.