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Chris Aylett

Press release: capricorn AUTOMOTIVE Ltd are expanding

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Dear Chris,

On the 6th March 2009 capricorn AUTOMOTIVE Ltd, the high performance and race engine components producer based in Andover UK, exchanged contracts on a new facility. Martin Keswick the MD of capricorn in the UK commented: "our current facility in Andover has been a limitation to our business expansion for some time, we have been out of space and on the limit of power. This brand new facility is based in Basingstoke about 20 miles from the current location and is ideal for our requirements being nearly 3 time the size of the current building and with the power upgrade we have negotiated it will allow us to expand our operations in line with our strategy".

"We have been looking for a suitable site or building in the vicinity for over a year and whilst this is a bit further than we had originally planned, the end result will be excellent for our employees, customers and business". "Whilst we await the 1MVA power upgrade and subsequent contract completion we are energetically working on the process of planning and organising the significant fit-out of the facility to meet our specific needs".

"All of our existing plant and processes from Andover will be moved including our Piston Forging and Heat Treat operations, the Nickel Ceramic Liner Electro Plating Plant and all of Engine Block, Liner and Piston Machine Tools. As well as current equipment transfer we are now

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able to embark on our planned growth with new acquisitions of honing, machining and metrology equipment to meet our growth plans”

Mit freundlichen Grüßen / Best regards
Christoph Schmitz, Assistant to the Broad