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SMMT's Meet the Funder

24 October 2013 Cranmore Park, Solihull

A key objective of the SMMT is sustaining and developing the UK's automotive supply chain. SMMT is keen to improve the two way dialogue between the financial sector and the UK automotive industry.

Some of the expected organisations taking part this year include (but not limited to): Barclays, Business Growth Fund, HSBC, Lloyds TSB, Manufacturing Advisory Service, Manufacturing Technology Centre, Northwest Automotive Alliance, Royal Bank of Scotland, Santander, Yorkshire Bank.

The day will include one-to-one meetings with funding and support agencies, facilitated networking on an informal peer-to-peer basis and mini presentations from participating funding/support organisations.

To book your ticket click here.

- Member, Associate and Affiliate = FREE (please use your company's membership number as the 'discount code')
- Non-member early bird discount = 50% off the general administration fee of £30 + VAT for bookings made by close of business on Friday 6 September 2013.

For more information please contact Loreta El-Khatib at lel-khatib@smmt.co.uk.

UK Logistics Forum to focus on industry collaboration

2 October 2013 London Gateway, Essex

The Forum provides a platform for vehicle manufacturers, component suppliers, aftermarket suppliers and logistics providers to invigorate strategy and tackle logistics issues affecting the automotive industry. The next meeting will focus on industry collaboration, UK rail networks and shipping options. The UK's largest OEMs regularly attend the forum, chaired by Mark Poulton, Logistics and Purchasing Director for General Motors. The group is particularly looking to expand Tier 1 and Tier 2 representation. For more information please contact Rob Morbin, morbin@smmt.co.uk, 0207 344 9265.

SMMT member case study

MAHLE Powertrain Ltd gives us an insight into its business and the benefits it gains from SMMT membership.



Powertrain

MAHLE Powertrain is a wholly owned subsidiary of the MAHLE Group. The MAHLE Group is one of the 30 largest companies in the automotive supply industry worldwide. In 2012 the MAHLE Group included 100 production plants, a headcount of 49,000 and achieved sales in excess of €6billion.

MAHLE Powertrain specialises in the design, development and manufacture of internal combustion engines. It is engaged in extensive research, focussed on the application and optimisation of new engine components into cost-effective, production feasible solutions for enhanced efficiency, improved fuel economy and lower emissions.

In addition to the head office in Northampton, there is also a large facility in Farmington Hills, near Detroit, US, which includes the Test Systems sub-division of the business. MAHLE Powertrain also has technical centres in Stuttgart, Shanghai and São Paulo. The UK facilities also include a manufacturing plant in Northampton, a machining facility in Wellingborough, and an aluminium sand casting foundry in Worcester.

MAHLE Powertrain has been an active member of SMMT for several years and is a regular participant at the Design Engineering and Electric Vehicle groups. It benefits from the full range of support services provided by the Society and from the opportunity to have a real influence on UK government policy.

If you are a member or associate of SMMT and would like to have a case study in our next member services bulletin, please contact Mairi Lucas at mlucas@smmt.co.uk.



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SMMT Automotive In-House Lawyers' seminar

2 October 2013 Great Peter Street London

This is the annual one day Seminar held by SMMT for automotive in-house lawyers. The Seminar, run in association with Wragge & Co LLP, carries six continuing professional development hours and covers current relevant topics including the recently published draft Consumer Rights Bill, Data Protection, the new landscape of insurance regulation (with a speaker from the Financial Conduct Authority) and an Advertising Law update.

The Seminar is free of charge. If any automotive inhouse lawyer would like to attend, please contact Claire Balch at cbalch@smmt.co.uk

To view the full seminar programme, with details of topics and speakers, <u>click here</u>

Production Outlook and Economic Forecast Update - webinar

26 September 2013, 14:00-15:00

This webinar will be co-presented by Ian Henry, author of the Production Outlook Report and Robert Baker, SMMT's Chief Economist. They will give an update on the short and long-term prospects for production in Europe as well as economic activity for the remaining part of 2013.

The webinar will be followed by a 30 minute Q&A session.

To register please <u>click here</u>. Please feel free to invite your colleagues.

Any questions please contact memberservices@smmt.co.uk.

To find out more information about the European Car and Light Commerical Vehicle Production Outlook Suite please click here.

EGE emissions reporting made easier for automotive

Freight Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reporting is becoming an increasingly important topic, in both the automotive industry and the transport industry as a whole.

SMMT has contributed to an Odette publication that will assist all those involved in complying with recent and future standards, business and legislative requirements.

The guidelines are aimed at all professionals involved in transportation within the European automotive industry, including:

- Vehicle manufacturers.
- Suppliers, logistics providers and freight transport operators.
- Other participants who have an interest in transportation: governments, city councils, legal institutions etc.
- Those who specify and purchase transport services and receive the GHG emissions information.

The benefits of following these guidelines will be:

- Use of recognised methods that can be used to answer information requests from customers and government bodies.
- A list of six simple steps to success for anyone reporting.
- Alignment to new French legislation and the new European CEN standard.
- Move to better harmonisation of emissions reporting amongst service providers and transport users.
- Alignment with other industry sectors.

Download a free copy of the report entitled 'Guidelines for Reporting Freight Greenhouse Gas Emissions' from 9 September at www.odette.org or for more information, contact info@odette.org.



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