

Manufacturing Environment Project – Proposed Actions for 2009

(SE to coordinate with appropriate SMMT functions)

1. Provide support for Automotive Manufacturing Operations

- **Establish 'Manufacturing Group'** as an evolution from the Quality Panel & ACS (core common interest, still can run separate components, TS 16949 etc. meetings alongside)
- **'Manufacturing Meetings' to be sharply focused on essential information for Manufacturing Operations** and demonstrate clearly & succinctly what SMMT is doing to support them (see separate sheet for detail)
- **Promote & encourage attendance** from as many automotive manufacturing operations members (& potential members) as possible
- **Proposed agenda items to cover SMMT's national, regional & international working** (with BERR, NAIGT, CBI, NAG, International Trade Committee etc.)
- Proposed agenda also to **cover information on: funding, training, legislation, industry standards, the economy, manufacturing best practice, new technologies & innovation** Usually in 5 minute slots (so focused but also making clear who to contact for more information)
- Through feedback establish issues the manufacturing operations need SMMT to take back to BERR, NAIGT, NAG etc. & **become the 'voice of the industry'**
- Provide a **succinct, attractive quarterly newsletter** with a summary of the information provided at the meeting for those who could not attend

2. Act as the 'voice of the industry' with Government Bodies

- Demonstrate to BERR that **SMMT is close to its members, understands the industry and is ready to work with BERR** in their transition into what they want to be in the future
- **Work closely with BERR and other interested parties** at both senior level and operational level, nationally, regionally and internationally

3. Engage with investment decision makers

- At the appropriate time, taking into account the economic situation, **engage with Purchasing Directors, Programme Leaders** etc as to why they should invest in UK based automotive suppliers & understands what deters them