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| |  | | --- | | new banner |      |  | | --- | | **Welcome** | | Budget 2011 dominated this week with the Chancellor making clear his commitment to UK manufacturing. Measures that promote international trade, encourage inward investment in the UK, develop skills and enhance capital allowances are sure to be welcomed by business, while the 1p fuel duty cut and a freezing of duty increases will provide much needed relief for our haulage sector and motorists in general. Other announcements this week provide a further boost for manufacturing that is already up by over 10% for the year to date; Vauxhall confirmed plans to produce the next generation Vivaro van in Luton, while Tata opened its doors to the BBC to announce production of the Tata Vista at a new Coventry-based facility.                                                                                         Chief Executive, Paul Everitt | | |
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To read more click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1104950041274&s=0&e=001beEVtKeeFdLaKHn6QKWBAiKg5w5cKlKzWCl84BWhiUSBkpscrhl1Mt0hlBoqyX-TgKmwxCRWLuO9pUlV5Tu4VUwnRq8VLE00on-OkAYmWBpy5FwXTAWb-SYNG5_OrZQXjzNVb4Z8C-Up2pykX5RzcP7HArZfjjJqaMAi2nR-I0vl2VT2pIKf0ZKEl88BE2cr). |      |  | | --- | | **SMMT Dealer Energy Efficiency Guide webinar** | | SMMT will host its next webinar on the forthcoming '*Dealer Energy Efficiency Guide'* on 7 April at 14:30-15:00. The webinar will provide guidance to dealers on reducing dealership energy use, CO2 emissions and running costs. The session will expand upon a seven step action plan outlined in the forthcoming guide, which will be published on 29 March. Written in conjunction with the RMI and the Carbon Trust, the webinar will include a presentation from the guide's author, John Mulholland, Director, NIFES Consulting Group and a Q&A session. To register for the webinar click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1104950041274&s=0&e=001beEVtKeeFdLaKHn6QKWBAiKg5w5cKlKzWCl84BWhiUSBkpscrhl1MmNP-glnAIzmLXNdlIRtDWAH_ZXjkLR6PSr4XFmFQqxYeNbV5UV2vVQT86vXqWGNDLE6luaS9sLzTjiw_DX1OuU=). To attend the launch of the Dealer Energy Efficiency Guide, contact Claire Balch [cbalch@smmt.co.uk](mailto:cbalch@smmt.co.uk) or 020 7344 1636. |      |  | | --- | | **Opel/Vauxhall confirms LCV production plants** | | Opel/Vauxhall today announced Luton as the production location for the next generation Opel/Vauxhall Vivaro light commercial vehicle. Production of the next generation model at the Luton plant is scheduled to start in 2013, continuing the important role played by the UK in the Opel/Vauxhall manufacturing network. "Confirmation that the new Vivaro van will be produced at Vauxhall's Luton plant is great news for all its employees and a huge vote of confidence in UK automotive manufacturing," said Paul Everitt, Chief Executive. To read more click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1104950041274&s=0&e=001beEVtKeeFdLaKHn6QKWBAiKg5w5cKlKzWCl84BWhiUSBkpscrhl1Mt0hlBoqyX-TgKmwxCRWLuO9pUlV5Tu4VUwnRq8VLE00on-OkAYmWBr3QxoK-mprCy3yF5kjN_qTPn6wz0OMkLT3N8C2ALAvCb2XYph7PIjYY8wY_h6l0d6cvgzlERB0G0FUe7kHYgrvMSk1LVjirNmL48HWxJ19iA==). |      |  | | --- | | **SMMT UK Pavilion Group: Automomechanika Mexico exhibition opportunity** | | SMMT is inviting UK companies interested in exhibiting at the Automechanika Mexico show, from 13-15 July, to attend as part of SMMT's UK Pavilion Group. The show, which is in its 13th year, is widely recognised as South America's leading automotive trade show, specialising in the exhibition of tuning, repair, maintenance and service station equipment. For further details about the show and the SMMT exhibitor package, contact Pat Shaw, 020 7344 9260, [pshaw@smmt.co.uk](mailto:pshaw@smmt.co.uk). |      |  | | --- | | **Rolls-Royce seeks new apprentices** | | Rolls-Royce Motor Cars announced the start of recruitment for the company's new intake of apprentices. The successful applicants will join the apprenticeship programme at the end of August 2011 working alongside skilled craftspeople in the paint, wood, leather, motor vehicle, engineering and business areas. The company's apprenticeship programme was successfully launched in 2006 and offers people aged 16-24 the opportunity to train with the Goodwood-based manufacturer. To read more click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1104950041274&s=0&e=001beEVtKeeFdLaKHn6QKWBAiKg5w5cKlKzWCl84BWhiUSBkpscrhl1Mt0hlBoqyX-TgKmwxCRWLuO9pUlV5Tu4VUwnRq8VLE00on-OkAYmWBrOclGQwvm9DibRFFtRhkwFpxMm1A-1WbnRi4GYaokOo5n4MQkr2lzzjBEvZ-m4LsyaYBAPzg9DkDdIMfh3MBfwwhMcYMTnmjSNoNKwgVXxcw==).  https://origin.ih.constantcontact.com/fs041/1103225665917/img/78.jpg |      |  | | --- | | **UKTI hosts UK/China business delegation** | | A major Chinese automotive and aerospace and delegation will visit the Heritage Motor Centre Museum, in Gaydon on 9-13 May. Hosted by UKTI, the event will offer UK companies the opportunity to meet key business and technical contacts. Prospective Chinese companies attending include BYD, Chinese Association of Automotive Manufacturers (CAAM), Changan, DongFeng, First Automotive Works, Guangzhou Automotive and SAIC. There will be workshops and presentations for UK companies looking to start trading in the Far East. Tickets cost £95 +VAT. To book tickets contact Jack Bailey, [jack@btob.co.uk](mailto:jack@btob.co.uk). For more information click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1104950041274&s=0&e=001beEVtKeeFdLaKHn6QKWBAiKg5w5cKlKzWCl84BWhiUSBkpscrhl1Mt0hlBoqyX-TgKmwxCRWLuMrMdkxSfxHcyaQ7qe2UWY3S2NaArdw75d49M5o44B6p4aMjVTMcOdLAynDPISz5QCpcOPB6q5wu_ZjOxfUmJAs). |      |  | | --- | | **Week in Westminster and Brussels** | | In Westminster this week, government published its 'Plan for Growth', detailing the outcomes of the first set of Growth Reviews launched in November 2010, including the Advanced Manufacturing Review. The plan for growth is based around four themes for the British economy: to create the most competitive tax system in the G20; to make the UK the best place in Europe to start, finance and grow a business; to encourage investment and exports as a route to a more balanced economy and to create a more educated workforce that is the most flexible in Europe. To read more click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1104950041274&s=0&e=001beEVtKeeFdLaKHn6QKWBAiKg5w5cKlKzWCl84BWhiUSBkpscrhl1Mt0hlBoqyX-TgKmwxCRWLuO9pUlV5Tu4VUwnRq8VLE00on-OkAYmWBrzafLyCdN0BWIAcbaI0CKV_P0hQqCofjWJwQ0FVVRPpY6TmHXmxB46).    In Brussels this week, the European Commission published plans to halve urban usage of oil and gas-fuelled cars by 2030, phasing them out by 2050. According to an EU road map on transport, to be published on Monday 28 March, these objectives will play a role in achieving the target of cutting CO2 emissions from transport by 60% by 2050. The Commission is proposing a plan that focuses on reducing emissions from road transport, while increasing rail traffic, as it believes rail is cleaner and more environmentally-friendly than road transport. To read more click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1104950041274&s=0&e=001beEVtKeeFdLaKHn6QKWBAiKg5w5cKlKzWCl84BWhiUSBkpscrhl1Mt0hlBoqyX-TgKmwxCRWLuO9pUlV5Tu4VUwnRq8VLE00on-OkAYmWBrVbcgoDgR6Tga2DzT3lCf4). | | |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Twitter** | | [twitter](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1104950041274&s=0&e=001beEVtKeeFdLaKHn6QKWBAiKg5w5cKlKzWCl84BWhiUSBkpscrhl1Mt0hlBoqyX-TwEdMmo02kaWeyw8gH0qsi2yU8dyqwAog9HjRwm3McM8J5a1KepEo8A==) |  |  | | --- | | **CV Show 2011** | | [https://origin.ih.constantcontact.com/fs041/1103225665917/img/66.jpg](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1104950041274&s=0&e=001beEVtKeeFdLaKHn6QKWBAiKg5w5cKlKzWCl84BWhiUSBkpscrhl1Mt0hlBoqyX-TgKmwxCRWLuOF4kyMxzmGi1phBSakkF95iNdfx8D2feTlSHHnoUHfwg==) |  |  | | --- | | **Flickr gallery** | | [https://origin.ih.constantcontact.com/fs041/1103225665917/img/62.jpg](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1104950041274&s=0&e=001beEVtKeeFdLaKHn6QKWBAiKg5w5cKlKzWCl84BWhiUSBkpscrhl1Mt0hlBoqyX-TgKmwxCRWLuPVCNe5DneqQwnfzdyrXHeYNBfgl1L7NvTE0VrjCvxYXmWiyJZyjqt7JfioJLg0MEE=) |  |  | | --- | | **Motor  Codes** | | [https://origin.ih.constantcontact.com/fs041/1103225665917/img/47.jpg](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1104950041274&s=0&e=001beEVtKeeFdLaKHn6QKWBAiKg5w5cKlKzWCl84BWhiUSBkpscrhl1Mt0hlBoqyX-TgKmwxCRWLuOyPBock2dkmakV7xpE2LjTp-LQXNcplWA=) |  |  | | --- | | **SMMT IATF Oversight** | | **[https://origin.ih.constantcontact.com/fs041/1103225665917/img/70.jpg](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1104950041274&s=0&e=001beEVtKeeFdLaKHn6QKWBAiKg5w5cKlKzWCl84BWhiUSBkpscrhl1Mt0hlBoqyX-TgKmwxCRWLuPckMycjInubbxCayehBAXCqtn2bjkPMvkVsrPpR0coyQ==)** |  |  | | --- | | **Industry Forum** | | [https://origin.ih.constantcontact.com/fs041/1103225665917/img/72.jpg](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1104950041274&s=0&e=001beEVtKeeFdLaKHn6QKWBAiKg5w5cKlKzWCl84BWhiUSBkpscrhl1Mt0hlBoqyX-TgKmwxCRWLuP59QwXLn1ON93SUXSEirEpqI6cYUSrFVUSo-fWLptcIg==) | | | |  |
| |  | | --- | | **Dates for your diary:**  Commercial Vehicle Show 2011, NEC Birmingham, 12-14 April 2011 - [enquiries@cvshow.com](mailto:enquiries@cvshow.com).  2011 SMMT International Automotive Summit, Westminster, 28 June 2011 - [www.smmtsummit.co.uk](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1104950041274&s=0&e=001beEVtKeeFdLaKHn6QKWBAiKg5w5cKlKzWCl84BWhiUSBkpscrhl1Mt0hlBoqyX-TgKmwxCRWLuP4oyArIUrLHzZu1LGPbrBrBYqfggW_y-8=).  SMMT Annual Dinner, London Hilton Park Lane, 22 November 2011 - [annualdinner@smmt.co.uk](mailto:annualdinner@smmt.co.uk).    **Automotive information:**  To download SMMT's 2011 new vehicle and UK automotive manufacturing release dates click [here.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1104950041274&s=0&e=001beEVtKeeFdLaKHn6QKWBAiKg5w5cKlKzWCl84BWhiUSBkpscrhl1Mt0hlBoqyX-TFdBb_Bu1_8G-p6NympX3SiW1OlUiivm9Fvc-oSaxQQWXR9kxl1sqmFNmeC2IDygclzQfcYDW0eU-hBYwB2IhKzSquAT4Z3jH-115LB6dfrRTypHKRkb62BXJIx2aM0tn)  To download Industry Forum's latest information on sustainable business improvement click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1104950041274&s=0&e=001beEVtKeeFdLaKHn6QKWBAiKg5w5cKlKzWCl84BWhiUSBkpscrhl1Mt0hlBoqyX-TFdBb_Bu1_8FeHmY1pdNeMHGiPh5wc21rY6u7fuy0CNYERL3g4GSVypPF4l6IXA6iVrVRYfQEqxvXVB1iAy54jz-5mrd5co8vU2mkVmk1zxUUdnjBXtGo3g==).  Bottom banner | |  |