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## JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT

of

The Department of Heavy Industry  
Government of India

and

Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation  
Kingdom of The Netherlands

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**Joint Declaration of Intent  
on Strengthening the Cooperation between India and The Netherlands  
in the field of Automotive Research, Development and Testing**

The Department of Heavy Industry of the Republic of India, and the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (hereinafter referred to as the 'Signatories');

Noting the excellent relationship between the two countries;

Considering the importance of bilateral partnership between India and the Netherlands in a globalising world economy for development and well-being of the populations of both countries;

Recognizing the common priorities of fostering economic and industrial development of both countries through science, technology and innovation, also involving scientific and technological cooperation in research and development activities undertaken by business entities and research institutions;

Recognizing the developments and potential in both countries for intensifying cooperation in the field of Automotive Research, Development and Testing (R&D&T).

**Objectives**

Intend to:

- Strengthen and intensify the bilateral cooperation on the topic of Automotive Research, Development, Engineering and Testing on the basis of equality and mutual benefit according to the provisions of this Joint Declaration of Intent and the laws and regulations of each signatory.
- Continue on a regular and structured basis the dialogue between the two Governments, in order to strengthen Automotive R&D&T, cooperation and investment relations.
- Contribute to the creation of optimal conditions for establishing contacts between and activities by business entities and research institutions, and to support initiatives and activities in the automotive field as much as possible.
- Actively promote and support the internationalization of the business activities of corporate and small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in order to help them make full use of business and investment opportunities in the automotive industries of both countries.



- Actively promote and support transfer of knowhow / technology through cooperation between academic institutes / research centres of the two countries in the field of Intelligent Transport System (ITS). Also to promote and support initiatives to build the capacity for preparing DPRs etc. in the field of ITS.

- Define, by mutual consent, various areas of cooperation, on the basis of suggestions of the concerned scientific, industrial, professional and academic community.

### **Actions**

- Cooperation between the two Signatories in the field of Automotive Research, Development and Testing may be effectuated by means of:

- Realisation of joint automotive research and technological development projects, including the exchange of its results;
- Exchange of scientists, researchers and technical experts;
- Exchange of scientific & technological information, documentation as well as equipment and consumable materials;
- Organisation of and participation in meetings, conferences, symposia, workshops, courses and exhibitions in fields of interest to both the countries;
- Joint use of research and development facilities and scientific equipments for various purposes;
- Other forms of cooperation mutually decided upon.

- Without excluding other areas, both Signatories have identified the following fields as particularly promising:

- Alternative Fuels, Power train & Electric Vehicles
- Electronics & Control Systems
- Electro Magnetic Compatibility
- Homologation & Certification of Components and Vehicles
- Lighting and Photometry
- New materials and Light weight constructions, including composites
- Noise, Vibration and Harshness
- Vehicle Safety
- Vehicle Dynamics & Stability
- Virtual Design & Analysis
- Inspection & Maintenance of In – Use Vehicles
- Setup and Management of the Vehicle Chain, taking into account end-of-life issues.
- Intelligent Transport System (ITS)
- Public and professional training and education

- Under this Joint Declaration of Intent, working programs in mutually decided areas of cooperation can be developed as well as joint working groups, which will



be subject to the laws and regulations of each country and to the availability of necessary funding in each country.

- The Signatories will encourage Government agencies, industries and research institutions to take part in the activities undertaken under this Joint Declaration of Intent.
- Scientific and technological results and any other information derived from the cooperation activities under this Joint Declaration of Intent will be announced, published or commercially exploited only with the consent of the Signatories.

### Follow up

- It is the intention of both Signatories to evaluate the progress made in realizing the objectives of this Joint Declaration of Intent, and possible working programs, during bi-annual consultations, to be held in each country alternately with mutual consent.
- This Joint Declaration of Intent does not create any rights or obligations under international law.
- This Joint Declaration of Intent will come into effect upon signature.

Signed in duplicate on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012 in New Delhi, in the English language.

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