



WABCO Expands OptiDrive Transmission Automation Technology to Medium Duty Trucks and Buses for Ashok Leyland, India's Second Largest Manufacturer of Commercial Vehicles

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM and HANOVER, GERMANY, Sep 22, 2010 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- WABCO Holdings Inc. (NYSE: WBC) (www.wabco-auto.com), a global technology leader and tier-one supplier to the commercial vehicle industry, today announced that it is expanding the existing application of OptiDrive(TM) transmission automation technology on heavy duty vehicles to cover medium duty trucks and buses produced by Ashok Leyland, India's second largest manufacturer of commercial vehicles.

Ashok Leyland offers a world class range of trucks, buses, special application vehicles and engines across 20 countries worldwide. In 2009, Ashok Leyland became the first manufacturer of commercial vehicles in India to adopt OptiDrive systems for the Indian market. Ashok Leyland plans to launch the innovative transmission automation system under the brand name LEYMATIC. Volume production is expected in early 2011.

WABCO's OptiDrive system, a breakthrough in transmission automation technology, is a modular automated manual transmission solution for commercial vehicles. It is also recipient of the 2010 Automotive News PACE(TM) Award, the automotive industry's benchmark for innovation. OptiDrive continues WABCO's track record of more than 20 years of technology leadership in transmission automation.

OptiDrive's high degree of modularity significantly reduces the development time required for application to transmission and vehicle platforms while enabling major technological improvement. It offers competitive advantages for customers worldwide, particularly in emerging markets where adoption of automated manual transmissions systems is expected to grow rapidly.

"As a technology leader in the commercial vehicle industry, Ashok Leyland is passionate about excellence in engineering and quality. LEYMATIC optimizes gear shifting to improve vehicle control and safety while enhancing the driver's effectiveness," said R.R.G. Menon, Executive Director, Product Development, Ashok Leyland Ltd.

"LEYMATIC also helps significantly to reduce fuel consumption and lower maintenance cost for the vehicle's powertrain while increasing vehicle efficiency and environmental protection."

"OptiDrive is one of the most creatively engineered products in WABCO's portfolio as we continue to provide game-changing capabilities in transmission automation technology. We expect OptiDrive systems to be highly accepted in the Indian commercial vehicle market," said P. Kaniappan, Managing Director, WABCO India. "We are proud of this newest accomplishment at Ashok Leyland."

About WABCO WABCO Vehicle Control Systems (NYSE: WBC) is a leading supplier of safety and control systems for commercial vehicles. For over 140 years, WABCO has pioneered breakthrough electronic, mechanical and mechatronic technologies for braking, stability, and transmission automation systems supplied to the world's leading commercial truck, trailer, and bus manufacturers. With sales of \$1.5 billion in 2009, WABCO is headquartered in Brussels, Belgium. For more information, visit www.wabco-auto.com