

FICOSA participates in a European Project to implement the emergency call (ecall)

Spain and Luxembourg will be target countries of this initiative

Viladecavalls (Barcelona), 13th February 2013.- The Spanish multinational FICOSA is involved in the HeERO project, which has the support of the European Union, and that it born with the objective of implementing the use of the emergency call in the various countries that comprise it. The company aims to carry out this project in Spain and Luxembourg.

Specifically, eCall system involves performing an automatic or manual call to an emergency center in the event of an accident, at the same time allowing the exact location of the vehicle. Additional services that may be added to the product it is the speed at the moment of impact. European legislation intends that by 2015 all new vehicles carry this system.

The company is currently in production of its first phase, which includes services such as fleet management, diagnostic services or management of the electric car battery. From now on, it is expected to enter a second phase of the project to enable the location of the vehicle, receive notification via mobile phone and connect to the Internet. Another FICOSA line of work is the emergency call, known as Era Glonass, for Russia.

FICOSA has a signed contract in the telematics field with Renault. Similarly, the company is offering those services to new clients having received interest from American and European manufacturers. Some of those services will be presented during the Mobile World Congress to be held in Barcelona at the end of February.

The estimated turnover of the company in this area amounts to 200 million Euros over the next four years and has already begun production at its center in Viladecavalls (Barcelona). FICOSA is one of the leading companies in the telematics field, developing the communication between vehicles and between those and their infrastructure itself. In this way, tries to make a strong commitment to safety and reduce the level of road accidents.

About FICOSA

FICOSA is an industrial group based in Spain and a global leader in research, development, production and marketing of automotive systems and parts. Founded in 1949, the company, with headquarters in

Barcelona (Spain), holds a team close to 8,500 employees and manufacturing plants, technological centres and offices located throughout 19 countries in Europe, North America, South America and Asia.

The Group invests 4% of its income in R&D, and operates one of the top technology development centres in Spain addressed to the automotive, electronics, energy and communications industries. FICOSA has positioned itself for the future as a world leader in electronic systems with a global and more diversified business agenda and an expanded added value product line.

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