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Semcon signs new agreement for aftermarket managed services with the London Taxi Company

Semcon has signed a new agreement with the British vehicle manufacturer, the London Taxi Company. The managed service agreement covers the design, development and distribution of aftersales product information solutions and will involve up to 25 Semcon specialists.

Semcon will design, develop and distribute a class leading package of operation and maintenance information solutions, to support the London Taxi Company's customers and maintenance providers. The agreement spans over five years and will lay the foundation for the cooperation between Semcon and the London Taxi Company.

"Semcon has extensive experience in the development and production of aftersales product information for automotive customers in Sweden, UK, China and Germany. We look forward to working together with the London Taxi Company in creating customer satisfaction through cost efficient aftermarket product information solutions which contributes to an effortless ownership", says Johan Ekener, President Product Information at Semcon.

The collaboration begins during spring 2016 and consists of a number of aftersales product information deliverables to support the launch of the next generation plug-in hybrid London taxi and beyond. The new car will be launched in the UK at the end of 2017 and across international markets in 2018.

Trevor Hattersley, Head of Aftersales for the London Taxi Company, said: "Through this new partnership we gain access to the latest know-how within the area of product information solutions. Semcon's long track record with managed services was a key factor for us when we selected our partner. We look forward to building a long term relationship with Semcon as we enter a very exciting period for the company."

Initially around 25 of Semcon's specialists will be involved in the work for the new vehicle. The work will mainly be carried out from Semcon's UK operation headquarters, located in a new facility in Warwick.

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The London Taxi Company is the United Kingdom manufacturer of the iconic London Black Cab. Production of the London Black Cab started in 1948 and from its current location in Coventry has produced 130,000 vehicles. The company was purchased by Geely in 2013 who have recently announce an investment of £250M in a state-of the-art research, development and assembly facility for the London Taxi Company as the group prepares for the introduction of the next generation plug- in hybrid and ultra-low emission London Black Cab.

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About the London Taxi Company

The London Taxi Company (LTC) has a long and proud history of producing purpose built taxis designed to meet London's Conditions of Fitness (CoF). Since the original Hackney Carriage the vehicle has gone through many development cycles to improve driver and passenger experience. The company is committed to customer care and continuous improvements in accessibility, comfort, emissions performance, manoeuvrability and durability of its vehicles without compromising its famous shape and brand. LTC are proud to serve the world famous London taxi trade which sets the global benchmark for taxi services. Success in this market has been the foundation for developing a strong presence in other UK regions and export markets.

Outside the UK the London Black Cab is now being utilised in over 40 major cities worldwide. The next investment cycle will see the company develop and produce a purpose built ultra-low emission taxi capable of meeting new ambitious emissions standards being rolled out in major cities across Europe, including London. LTC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Zhejiang Geely Holding Group. The London taxi is currently manufactured in Coventry and manufactured under license in Shanghai by its sister company Shanghai London Taxi International, with a flagship dealership in London and centres in Manchester, Coventry and Edinburgh supported through a UK and international service centre network. The London Taxi Company is the trading name of The London Taxi Corporation Limited.