

## GKN DRIVELINE STARTS MANUFACTURING IN TURKEY

**Eskişehir, Turkey** — GKN Driveline today opened a new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Eskişehir, Turkey.

Located 160 kilometres from Bursa, GKN Driveline's 38,000 square-meters Eskişehir plant will eventually employ 250 people with an annual production capacity of two million sids shafts for customers based in Turkey.

"Turkey is becoming an important growth market for GKN," said GKN Driveline's chief executive Nigel Stein. "We were committed to support our customers in the region prior to the recent global economic crisis and are proud to be here today making good on that pledge."

Located on a 3.8 hectare site, GKN Driveline's Eskişehir is initially only using 3,000 square metres – leaving plenty of room for expansion in the future.

Speaking at the opening ceremony for the new plant, Nigel Stein also noted that GKN Driveline is the world's leading provider of constant velocity jointed systems, all-wheel-drive-systems, trans axle solutions and electric drive systems.

Ali Gümüş, managing director for GKN Driveline's operations in Turkey, said the company has invested more than seven million Turkish Lira (£2.9 million) on the new facility.

"Locating this facility in Eskişehir will enable us to more efficiently serve major customers located in Turkey including Tofas-Fiat, Ford-Otosan, Oyak-Renault, Honda and Toyota," said Ali Gümüş.

### **About GKN Driveline**

GKN Driveline is the world's leading supplier of automotive driveline components and systems. As a global company serving the world's leading vehicle manufacturers, GKN Driveline develops, builds and supplies an extensive range of automotive driveline components – for use in the smallest ultra low-cost car to the most sophisticated premium vehicle demanding the most complex driving dynamics.

GKN Driveline is a leading global producer of sids shafts, prop shafts, mechanically and electronically controlled torque management systems and associated geared components.

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