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The Commercial Vehicles Committee of the Association of European Businesses Announces its Mission Statement

The Association of European Businesses is pleased to offer your attention the Mission Statement of its Commercial Vehicles Committee:

“The common understanding of the members of the AEB’s commercial vehicle group is
to promote free trade
and
to support a fair and reliable business environment.

It is a core interest of the group to contribute to prosperous and
sustainable growth of the Russian economy.

We lobby to be involved into all kinds of decision making affecting our businesses,
mainly fiscal and legal.

We ask for laws and regulations to be long-term effective, accountable
and
to create a stable basis for business decisions.

AEB’s commercial vehicle committee strives to support the joint interests of its members
and
to increase the power of its members above the sum of its individual powers.”

Mr. Boris Billich, the Chairman of the Commercial Vehicles Committee, commented: *“We see the necessity to group and to clearly formulate our joint interest. We will also try to influence on law-making, events and statistic exchange affecting all of us”.*

Mr. Andrey Chursin, Deputy Chairman of the Commercial Vehicles Committee, added: *“This is an attempt to mutually exchange information, especially market data, and to pool activities like exhibitions without forgetting that we are competitors”.*

Dr. Frank Schauff, the Chief Executive Officer of the Association of European Businesses, said: *“Since the foundation of the Commercial Vehicles Committee in February this year the Committee has been developing very successfully. The Association of European Businesses is very pleased to be the organisational platform for the companies representing major manufacturers of commercial vehicles”.*

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Note for editors

About the Commercial Vehicles Committee of the AEB

The Commercial Vehicles committee of the Association of European Businesses has been founded in 2009 as a spin-off from the AEB Automobile Manufacturers Committee. It represents commercial vehicle brands with vans, trucks and/or buses. The current members of the Committee include Ford Heavy Trucks Russia; Iveco Russia, LLC; MAN Avtomobili Rossiya, OOO; Mercedes-Benz Russia, ZAO (Commercial Vehicles); Nissan Motor Rus, OOO (LCV); Renault Trucks; Scania-Rus, LLC; SOLLERS, OAO; Volkswagen Group Rus, OOO; Volvo Vostok, ZAO (Trucks and Buses).

The Commercial Vehicles Committee is closely interlinked with the Automobile Manufacturers Committee of the AEB and shares its many interests; on the other hand, it emphasises the special requirements of the Commercial Vehicles market in Russia. Other related committees in AEB are the Construction Equipment Committee and Automotive Components Committee.

About the AEB

Founded in 1995, the AEB is an independent non-commercial association with a membership of over 500 companies from across the European Union and Russia. Our members range from large multi-national corporations to SMBs and are united by their commitment to forging stronger economic ties between the EU and Russia, as well as improving the business environment here in Russia.

The AEB conducts lobbying activity through its committees and working groups, which cover a wide spectrum of industries and sectors, including Energy, Customs & Transport, Airlines, Legal, Taxation and Banking – to name but a few. The committees work closely with the Russian authorities, for instance, by holding public and closed meetings with government representatives and submitting comments and amendments to Russian legislation.

With a packed events schedule (conferences, seminars, roundtables and EuroReceptions) the AEB brings together the diplomatic, political and business worlds in Russia. Information on upcoming AEB events can be found on our website at www.aebrus.ru

The AEB also offers informational support to the European business community via its website and publications, press campaigns, surveys and legislative and business alerts. The Association works hard to support its members wherever they are located in Russia by hosting regional presentations, business missions and maintaining regional representations, such as the Krasnodar Steering Committee and a local presence in Ekaterinburg.

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