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Minerva has been organizing specialized seminars for suppliers in the automotive industry for four years. This year, the main theme is the MMOG/LE standard as a tool for evaluation and self-evaluation. A foreign representative of a Tier 1 supplier – TRW Automotive – will give a lecture at the seminar.

Date: 22 April 2008

Location: Autoklub ČR, Prague

For four years Minerva Czech Republic has been organizing specialized seminars for suppliers in the automotive industry, in cooperation with Odette and a QAD partner. This year's partners include Sun Microsystems and Avnet; Business World and Computerworld are media partners. We will discuss issues connected with the MMOG/LE standard and with current trends in the field of material flow control and supply chain logistics, including integrated best practices for the automotive industry and new process maps that meet standard requirements. The TRW Automotive representative will speak on the subject of global implementation of the standard in TRW and on the subject of formulating supplier requirements according to MMOG/LE. Success in the competitive environment requires being prepared.

Standardized material flow is a key factor for the success of a consistent and efficient supply chain operating over long distances. Minerva offers QAD software solutions and products.. QAD is the sole supplier of ERP software on the committee for the preparation of the MMOG/LE standard – for a simpler way to fulfil the requirements of specific material management. The global MMOG/LE directive was conceived for the purpose of measuring suppliers' conformity with OEM requirements in the field of material flow, which is one of the key criterions in world-class automotive manufacturing.

Implementation of the MMOG/LE standard has also become increasingly relevant in the Czech and Slovak Republics. As part of its activities in Odette, Minerva has become an authorized provider of MMOG/LE training in the Czech Republic. The company QAD has chosen Minerva to organize MMOG/LE standard training courses in Russia and Central Europe. Minerva also provides training courses to suppliers in Slovakia. Last year, Minerva organized the first set of standard-focused training courses, as well as the first internal audits. Minerva is responding to increasing demand and will organize training courses more frequently. Please check Minerva's website for up-to-date information on training course dates.

Simultaneous interpreting will be provided for participants of seminars with foreign lecturers. The seminar is intended for suppliers in the automotive industry at all levels of the chain, especially for the following positions: purchasing and logistics managers, quality control managers, plant managers, financial managers and IT managers.

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