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KSPG Automotive India Private Ltd.

New factory building under construction in Supa, India

The Plain Bearings business unit of KSPG Automotive India Private Ltd. is setting up in Supa, India, new shops for the production of raw materials used in the manufacture of plain bearings. The first cut of the spade to launch the construction works was performed back in the spring of this year by Sascha Putz, President BU Bearings und Ratan Mohapatra, Managing Director of KSPG India, in the company of senior executives and Works Council members.

The new plant premises are scheduled for completion by the end of 2015. They are located on a site measuring around 40,000 square meters in the Indian town of Supa. The Company had acquired the site specifically for this purpose. Supa is around 75 kilometers to the east of Pune. The lease for the previous production site in Ahmednagar expires in 2016.

"The new building is an important step in our efforts to strengthen our activities in the Indian market and a commitment to the future of our company," says Putz. The new facilities will be chiefly used for producing the upstream materials that go into the plain bearings. The previous production in Ahmednagar will be split: the equipment for making the engine bearing shells will be transferred to KSPG's location in Takwe near Pune, where a large share of the production facilities is already located. Supa will be the home of upstream materials production and include the sintering equipment for making the bronze materials as well as the casting and roll/cladding plant for manufacturing the aluminum-based materials.

KSPG Automotive India Private Ltd. currently has two plain bearing production locations, in Takwe and Ahmednagar. The product range of the Indian company comprises engine bearing shells, bushes and thrust washers for cars and trucks, for agricultural machinery and rail vehicles. Among the customers are Maruti Suzuki, Mahindra & Mahindra, Tata Motors, Honda, Cummins and Kirloskar Oil Engines. The Company also supplies the aftermarket. Besides the plain bearings for I.C. engines, the product lineup includes slide elements for other assemblies such as transmissions and brakes. The Takwe plant of KSPG also manufactures oil, coolant and vacuum pumps plus EGR valves.



Caption: 3D view of the planned production plant in Supa, India