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AkzoNobel contracts Volvo Car Corporation for global supply of Sikkens products

Sassenheim, the Netherlands, October 1, 2008 – AkzoNobel has signed a global contract with Volvo Car Corporation to supply their dealer network with its Sikkens key products. This makes AkzoNobel Sikkens one of the preferred suppliers listed in Volvo's new VIDA (Volvo Information & Diagnostics for Aftersales) system. This worldwide web based system provides Volvo dealers with information about recommended and approved products and repair procedures.

In Volvo's VIDA, Sikkens paint products and systems for use in Europe, North America and Asia can be found. The new contract confirms the strong partnership between Volvo and AkzoNobel Sikkens.

"It took a significant amount of hard work to carry out all the tests and get Volvo's approval to have Sikkens products and paint systems listed in PIA, the Paint Information for Aftersales section of the web system," Stefan Wieditz, AkzoNobel Car Refinishes' Global Technical Manager OEM Aftermarket explained.

Based in Troy, Michigan, USA, Wieditz continues: "Now we can provide Volvo's network of global dealers with everything they need to meet car drivers' expectations and repair shop requirements."

Rogier Sassen, from AkzoNobel Car Refinishes Global Product Management, was involved to ensure the right Sikkens product info was placed in the VIDA system. "We are delighted that our high performance clearcoats like Sikkens Autoclear LV Superior and Sikkens Autoclear UV have been included, as well as our unique waterborne basecoat Sikkens Autowave," he adds. "The Sikkens products Volvo selected represent our latest technology."

Picture: Peter Larsson (left), Deputy Director at Volvo, and Heiner Schwan, Global Key Account Manager Automotive (right) at AkzoNobel, confirm the new contract with a strong handshake.

Note to editors

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AkzoNobel Car Refinishes is one of the world's leading suppliers of paints and services for the car repair, commercial vehicles and automotive plastics markets. It sells coatings for car body refinishing, or recoating, to customers including bodyshops, distributors, fleet owners, automotive suppliers and major bus and truck producers. Brands include: Sikkens®, Leasone®, Dynacoat®, Wanda® and Sikkens Autocoat BT®. Operating in more than 80 countries, Car Refinishes has specialists around the world who understand local markets and can serve local needs. Its state-of-the-art customer services, color and technology solutions include offering technical and logistical support and the delivery of training programs.

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