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Valvoline Cummins inaugurates laboratories for R&D and product development along with training center

Delhi, INDIA - Valvoline Cummins Ltd. (VCL), a joint venture between Ashland Inc. and Cummins India Limited, today announced the opening of its new laboratories for R&D and Product Development along with a world-class training facility, at its Ambarnath plant, close to Mumbai. All the three facilities were formally inaugurated by Dr. Frances E. Lockwood, Valvoline senior vice president and global chief technology officer.

The new R&D facility is integrated with the Valvoline global research and development facility in Lexington, Kentucky. This facility will undertake research and development for futuristic products and technologies.

Speaking on the occasion, Sandeep Kalia, chief executive officer, Valvoline Cummins Ltd., said, "We believe in serving our customers and stakeholders with the best of our products and services, and in doing so, investing in facilities is just another step toward achieving this belief. We plan to develop new technologically advanced products in these laboratories. The aim of the Lube Training Center would be to provide quality training on engines, transmissions, cooling systems, besides lubricants, to our channel partners and customers."

Valvoline has established its brand in the Indian market and today is one of the largest lube manufacturing and marketing companies. Last year, Valvoline inaugurated its own fully integrated toll blending facility at Ambarnath (near Mumbai) in Maharashtra and produces ValvolineTM automotive lubricants for the consumer, industrial and heavy-duty markets.

About Valvoline Cummins Ltd.:

Valvoline Cummins Limited (VCL) is a joint venture formed in 1998 between Ashland Inc. and Cummins India Limited. Valvoline is one of the leading global producer, distributor and marketer of high quality lubricants and specialized automotive, commercial and industrial solutions. Valvoline products, services and programs result from our relentless commitment to improve maintenance, add performance and reduce total cost of ownership for vehicle owners and businesses.