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Watts Tyre Group announce Partnership with GKN Wheels FAD for Off Highway assemblies

Watts Tyre Group is announcing a partnership with the world's leading manufacturer of off-highway wheels, GKN Wheels FAD, part of the OffHighway division of GKN plc, to service the agricultural and construction equipment aftermarkets in the UK and Ireland.

Watts will distribute GKN Wheels FAD's range of agricultural wheels for vehicles such as trailers and tractors as standalone units to the market in general and as fitted tyre and wheel assemblies to OEM's in the agricultural and construction sectors.

Watts OE Manager Paul Cook commented "This is a fantastic opportunity for us to broaden our scope of operations. Watts are automatically associated with the materials handling sector; this agreement allows us to introduce to new markets our traditional values of service expertise, quality and product knowledge. To have a partner of GKN Wheels FAD's stature is very important as it means that we add to our current portfolio of world class products."

For GKN Wheels FAD, the partnership with Watts provides an opportunity to extend its products to aftermarket users of off-highway wheels in the UK's agricultural and construction sectors for the first time.

GKN Wheels FAD Area Sales Manager Adrien St-Jean concluded: "We are delighted to be in partnership with Watts to service this market. We believe that there is great scope for success within these sectors and that this partnership will represent great value for customers through superior products and service."

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Company Information

Watts Tyre Group provides tyre and wheel solutions to global industry as well as associated services. With operations in UK, France, Germany, USA and Mexico and distribution in a further 60 countries worldwide Watts Tyre Group are a true industry leader.

Watts Tyre Group began manufacture of solid tyres in 1960 and today produce some of the industry's best known brands, Premia, Kargo and FMCX. Watts also produce a range of industrial pneumatic and skid steer loader tyres as well as a range of Polyurethane tyres for high load and specialist applications.

Our customers include global brand OEM's, forklift dealers and tyre dealers. We are the natural choice of supplier for our customers based on our focus, dedication and knowledge of the industry. We have 50 years industry experience as a manufacturer and distributor, a product and service range focused on the industrial tyre and wheel market and a partnership approach to our customers. Combined this means we are able to offer our customers a complete end to end solution based on a thorough understanding of their needs and the industry.

GKN Wheels Division, part of the GKN OffHighway division of GKN plc, is the world's leading manufacturer of wheels for off-highway vehicles in the construction, industrial and agricultural sectors. With seven global manufacturing plants in the UK, USA, Denmark, Italy and China, GKN Wheels designs, manufactures and distributes wheels to end users and OEMs around the world. In addition to its world class manufacturing capability, GKN Wheels owns and operates some of the most advanced testing facilities used in off-highway wheel design. www.gknoffhighwaysystems.com