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GF Linamar wins major order for lightweight components

GF Linamar, a joint venture between GF Automotive and diversified manufacturing expert Linamar, has been awarded a large order from a US manufacturer to produce lightweight magnesium components. The value of the contract amounts to a total of around 300 million US dollars over a period of five years.

The major order consists of cross car beams for a new pickup model and underlines GF Automotive's expertise in lightweight components. The components made of magnesium will be produced from 2020 onwards at the new plant in Mills River, North Carolina (US). This plant which GF will operate together with Canadian joint venture partner Linamar will officially be opened in October 2017. The order is another important milestone in the expansion of GF's presence in the North American market and consequently for implementing its 2020 strategy.

GF Automotive is one of the world's leading automotive suppliers and a technologically pioneering development partner and manufacturer of components for passenger cars, trucks and industrial applications. The division provides casting solutions based on iron, aluminum and magnesium at eleven production plants in Germany, Austria, China and the US.

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Company profile

GF comprises three divisions: GF Piping Systems, GF Automotive, and GF Machining Solutions. Founded in 1802, the Corporation is headquartered in Switzerland and present in 33 countries through 131 companies, 51 of them production facilities. Its approximately 14'800 employees generated sales of CHF 3'744 million in 2016. GF is the preferred partner of its customers for the safe transport of liquids and gases, lightweight casting components in vehicles, and high-precision manufacturing technologies. You can find further information at www.georgfischer.com.

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