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## KPIT Cummins becomes a member of a Japan based Automotive consortium

*KPIT Cummins is the first company from India to have received **JasPar** membership*

***JasPar** is formed to develop standard Japan Automotive Platform Architecture*

Pune, 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, '07: KPIT Cummins Infossystems Ltd (BSE: 532400; NSE: KPIT), one of the Premium members of AUTOSAR (AUTomotive Open System Architecture), today announced its membership with JasPar (Japan Automotive Software Platform ARchitecture), a consortium of automotive manufacturers and suppliers working together to develop and establish a standard Japan Automotive Platform Architecture. JasPar is responsible for defining uniform, interchangeable high-speed bus architecture for the Japanese car industry.

### Highlights:

- ◆ KPIT Cummins Infossystems Ltd. is first & the only Indian company which has become a part of the prestigious Japan based consortium
- ◆ JasPar aims to contribute to the development of global standards, to evolve and enable standardization of communication in the areas of auto & electronic software
  - *JasPar was initiated by leading Japanese automotive OEMs & and tier 1s -- Honda, Nissan Toyota Motor Corp., Denso and Toyota Tsusho Electronics*
  - *The membership is granted after the candidate company has met stringent qualification criteria and has sought endorsement from a CORE group member*
  - *The membership reinforces KPIT Cummins' position as a significant global player in the automotive industry*
- ◆ KPIT Cummins can now use JasPar specifications to develop tools in compliance with JasPar standards for the Japan automotive market
- ◆ Prime advantage of being JasPar member is that it enables access to technology development requirements of participating OEM's as well as preferential access to the outcome of the joint development

JasPar was formed to address the escalating need for efficient cars and the increasingly stringent legislations for car safety in Japan. As the density of in-vehicle electrical integration and networked systems increases, there is a growing need to develop non-competitive technology on a common platform, at a reduced cost. Car safety requires complex electronic components, which need to collaborate in harmony for safer more reliable ride. JasPar connects auto OEMs and suppliers to understand common problems faced by the industry and provide solution by combined efforts. The consortium carries out activities concerning software and networks for electronic vehicle control systems including survey, research, technological development, specification development and activities related to intellectual properties. To know more visit: ([www.jaspar.jp/english](http://www.jaspar.jp/english))

As a flourishing auto market, Japan has always been one of KPIT Cummins' key targets. Not too long ago, the Company successfully began its partnership with Renesas, for one of the largest outsourcing deals in Japan, in the area of semiconductors. Obtaining membership of a Japan based consortium holds strategic significance. Through the membership, KPIT Cummins can enhance its contribution to the world of automotive electronics in Japan. This will further strengthen its position in Japan, by enabling deeper understanding of local market and existing customers. Given KPIT Cummins' comprehensive background in the field, it intends to further add value to the group. Over the years, KPIT Cummins has established a leadership position and domain expertise in automotive & semiconductor solutions, partnering with some of the major European, North American & Japanese OEMs and Tier-1s.

Commenting on the subject Mr. Kishor Patil, CEO & Managing Director, KPIT Cummins, said, *"JasPar is an elite group of some very prestigious automotive OEMs and tier 1s, hence the membership gives KPIT Cummins a distinct recognition of its competence and thought leadership, not only in the Japanese market but the world over. Customers can now expect much more from us given our access to the technology development at this consortium. As the first and presently only company in India to have become a part of the group, we continue to focus on being first choice technology partner for our global AUTO customers. This membership aligns with our long term goal of being a global leader in Automotive Electronics and our business objectives of increasing revenues from the Japanese/Asia Pacific market. We view JasPar membership as an excellent platform where we can both gain and contribute knowledge & expertise in the focused area of Automotive Electronics"*



### About KPIT Cummins

A rising star on the horizon and a niche specialist partner for the Automotive Electronics & Semiconductor solutions industry, KPIT Cummins was chosen as a leader in global outsourcing (#38) by International Association of Outsourcing Professionals (May 07).

Formed in 1990, KPIT Cummins is a 103+M USD (FY 06-07 Revenues), 3500+ people company with global foot-print serving Manufacturing & Financial Services verticals from its offshore centres in India and a near-shore European facility in Poland.

Ranked by Deloitte among the Fastest 50 companies in India and Fastest 500 companies in Asia-Pacific,( November 06)KPIT Cummins is a leader in IP (Intellectual Property) lead advanced technology solutions/ design services for Automotive Electronics & Semiconductor solutions . KPIT Cummins currently partners with 50+ OEMs/ODMs (Original Equipment Manufacturers & Original Device Manufacturers) and their suppliers to enable them bring complex technology products/systems faster to their global markets. KPIT Cummins is a premium member of AUTOSAR (Automotive Open Systems Architecture) consortium, an important strategic initiative in the world of Automotive Electronics.

Through a focused business model, KPIT Cummins has demonstrated robust growth over several years. Strategic partnerships with leading corporations like Cummins, Cargill Ventures & Lehman Brothers are a testimony to this sound business model & predictable growth potential.

KPIT Cummins has been recognized by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India for demonstrating *excellence in Corporate Governance* (December 2006) & a leading Indian business magazine recently selected KPIT among *India's top 10 investor friendly companies* (July 07). [www.kpitcummins.com](http://www.kpitcummins.com)

### About JasPar:

In 2004, Japanese OEMs, NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD. (Nissan) and TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION (TMC) initiated JasPar with an objective to promote **automotive software technology** and to **cut development costs** by encouraging companies to collaboratively develop non-competitive technologies such as automotive LAN (Local Area Network) enabling technology, middleware and software platforms. Advantages of being associated with such organizations are multifold; JasPar incorporates the company's technology development requirements into the outcome of the joint development, have access to technology development requirements of participating OEM's and also provide a preferential access to the outcome of the joint development and most importantly reduce the software development cost. JasPar and AUTOSAR have close connection. AUTOSAR standards would be modified by JasPar to meet Japan car makers needs/domestic needs.

JasPar aims to contribute technical support to international standardization organizations such as AUTOSAR and FlexRay and contribute to the development of global standards, on the whole.

### About AUTOSAR

AUTOSAR (AUTomotive Open System ARchitecture) is a partnership of automotive manufacturers and suppliers working together to develop and establish a de-facto open industry standard for automotive electrical/electronic (E/E) architectures. From a technical point of view, we can summarize the driving forces for the intended standardization as follows:

- *Manage increasing electrical/electronic complexity associated with growth in functional scope*
- *Improve flexibility for product modification, upgrade and update*
- *Improve scalability of solutions within and across product lines*
- *Improve quality and reliability of electrical/electronic systems*
- *Enable detection of errors in early design phases*

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