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## KPIT Cummins signs Research & Academics pact with Sinhgad Group of Engineering Colleges

*Alliance is the 4<sup>th</sup> in the company's strategic Industry Academia collaborations*

**May 12, 2009, Pune, India:** KPIT Cummins, a specialist solutions partner to global manufacturing corporations, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Sinhgad Group of Engineering colleges, to promote academic excellence and faculty empowerment through research and mentoring initiatives. The MoU was signed by **Ms. Renuka Krishna, Associate Vice President, Head Recruitment, KPIT Cummins** and **Prof. M.N. Navale, Founder President, Sinhgad Technical Education Society (STES)** at the college in the presence of **Prof. M.G.Bhat, Director Engineering, STES.**

This alliance is the fourth of its kind under KPIT Cummins' strategic Industry-Academia initiative. The company would engage with the Sinhgad Group of Engineering Colleges to architect and mentor a strong student and faculty community, through workshops, faculty development programs, research projects and post graduate dissertations. Over 50 students from graduate and post graduate engineering courses will undertake research projects in Product Engineering and Business IT offered through Centre for Research in Engineering Sciences and Technology (CREST), the Research & Development unit of KPIT Cummins.

Speaking about the research partnership Renuka Krishna said, "The future of India's competitiveness depends on an educated workforce. This collaboration will create an opportunity for some of the best minds engaged in academia and at KPIT Cummins to come together to identify and create relevant solutions for the manufacturing and IT industry".

Prof. M.G. Bhat added, "The MOU signed between Sinhgad Group of Engineering Colleges and KPIT Cummins will definitely go a long way in improving the quality of engineering students graduating from our colleges, and enhancing their acceptability in the industry. This tie up has been strongly advocated and supported firmly by Prof. M. N. Navale. According to the MoU, this association will also help in updating our faculties with latest technical developments in industry."

### **About KPIT Cummins Infosystems Ltd.**

KPIT Cummins Infosystems Limited (BSE: 532400; NSE: KPIT), a leading global product engineering partner to the Automotive & Semiconductor industry, is focused on co-innovating domain intensive technology solutions for Manufacturing corporations (with special focus on Automotive, Industrial Machinery and Hi-Tech verticals) to help its customers become efficient, integrated and innovative enterprises.

A leader in IP (Intellectual Property) led technology solutions and services, KPIT Cummins currently partners with 100+ global Manufacturing corporations [including 50+ OEMs / ODMs (Original Equipment Manufacturers & Original Device Manufacturers)] helping them globalize efficiently & bring complex technology products/systems faster to their global markets. Actively involved in the Automotive Standardization effort across the globe, KPIT Cummins is a certified AUTOSPICE level 5 Company and has been a premium member of AUTOSAR since 2005.

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### **About CREST**

CREST is the Research and Development center of KPIT Cummins Infosystems Limited, catering to the needs of all the customers across the world. The charter is to develop intellectual property, develop products, offer contract R&D services and conduct applied research in core areas. CREST promotes a culture of innovation through research initiatives at KPIT Cummins.

### **About Sinhgad Technical Education Society (STES)**

Sinhgad Technical Education Society(STES) was established in the year 1993 under the able and dynamic leadership of Prof.M.N.Navale with an objective of providing quality education in the field of Engineering, Management, Health, Law, Computer, Architecture, Pharmacy, Hotel Management, Medical Education, Arts, Science, Commerce and basic school education from kinder garden onwards. There are 77 institutes under aegis of the society offering full-fledge school education, diploma, graduation and post graduate courses in the above fields.

Presently STE Society is having 5 educational centers at Vadgaon(Bk), Narhe-Ambegaon(Bk), Kondhwa(Bk), Erandwane in Pune and Kusgaon(Bk) in Lonavala.. These educational centres are ideally located in pollution free lush green and picturesque environment conducive for learning.

Sinhgad Group of Engineering Colleges are approved by AICTE, affiliated to University of Pune and Accredited by NBA. The society also has a Pune University Recognized Research Centre offering Masters and Doctoral programmes in various fields of Engineering. The Research Centre is well equipped with State of the Art Facilities.

All the Institutes are managed by Eminent Personalities from the field of Education and Industries. STE Society's Institutes maintain a close liaison with Industries and R&D Organizations. Apart from separate placement cell in each institute, society has also established centralized placement cell.

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