

# KPIT goes overseas on talent hunt

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BE local, think global. Pune-based KPIT Cummins Infosystems is going overseas in search of talent and will hire up to 50-75 professionals from Korea, Japan, South Africa and Germany to work in their technology development team in 2005-06.

With the company's focus areas being manufacturing — the automotive sector is booming — and advanced tech solutions (em-

bedded software, R&D services), Girish Wardadkar, President & Executive Director, KPIT, says "If we have someone speaking in Korean or Japanese or German, it will add value to our customer." The company is doing "some specific prototype work on mobile instruments on the chip level, and Koreans and Japanese have the expertise in this area."

Some of the foreigners will be freshers too. "We have tied up with universities in Japan, Korea and

## Cummins back-end work to be done out of India

IT'S official. The Board of Directors of Cummins India have agreed to offer back office services to Cummins entities in India and abroad for a fee. The company is expecting Cummins Business Services to earn Rs 8-10 crore per annum. CBS has been functioning since January 2004. It now handles the company's financial transactions, payroll processing, indirect purchasing and IT infrastructure management. "Cummins India is proving to be a strong base for sourcing for Cummins entities around the world. CBS is yet another initiative to increase CIL's share of global business," said Anant Talaulicar, Chairman & Managing Director, Cummins India.

Germany to recruit freshers, who will intern with us for 18-24 months when we

will give them English language lessons," adds Wardadkar.

KPIT, whose revenues crossed Rs 124 crore in 2003-04, will add 1,000 to its workforce in '05-'06 — it has 1,500 now — 80 per cent of whom will work in the manufacturing vertical and in advanced tech solutions.

The company, which recently moved into its new premises at Hinjewadi, will begin the second phase of construction in two months. Spread over 10 acres, the new centre will be completed by March next year at a cost of \$7-10 million.