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New Ricardo focus for knowledge management

Following extensive refurbishment and rebuilding work, the world renowned Ricardo library has re-opened in its prime new location adjacent to the reception area of the company's Shoreham Technical Centre headquarters, underscoring the importance of effective knowledge management to the organization

The Ricardo library provides arguably the largest and best maintained independent collection of automotive engineering knowledge and information worldwide. This fully managed collection is maintained by the company's team of professional librarians, and incorporates a wide range of public domain references from all aspects of vehicle and powertrain engineering, including from many foreign language sources. In addition to providing an invaluable resource to the company's in-house engineering and research teams for more than forty years, the Ricardo library also provides a range of services to external customers on a commercial basis. The new, purpose-designed library incorporates a modern layout with a number of 'hot desks' and computers for on-line searches, compact shelving for hard-copy literature and improved displays for periodicals. The facility is linked to the reception building and demonstration and display area that was itself formally opened in 2008 by HRH The Duke of York.

In parallel with its move to this new location, most customers of the Ricardo library will continue to enjoy the benefits of its services on-line through the 'Powerlink' database of the library's entire collection, the global emissions legislation database EMLEG, and the many specialist reference publications produced by the library team on a regular basis.

Commenting on the new Ricardo library, Ashley Fernihough, Ricardo UK commercial director, said:

"Information is at the heart of our business and the Ricardo library has therefore been central to the success of our company for many years. While most people will continue to enjoy the services of the Ricardo library through our on-line services, it is pleasing that we have been able to create this new purpose-built environment at the heart of the public area of our head office site, where both customers and staff will be able to make use of its many new facilities."



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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Ricardo plc: With technical centres and offices in the UK, USA, Germany, the Czech Republic, China, Japan, India and Korea, Ricardo is a leading independent technology provider and strategic consultant to the world's transportation sector industries. The company's engineering expertise ranges from vehicle systems integration, controls, electronics and software development, to the latest driveline and transmission systems and gasoline, diesel, hybrid and fuel cell powertrain technologies. Its customers include the world's major vehicle, engine and transmission manufacturers, tier 1 suppliers and leading motorsport teams. Ricardo is committed to excellence and industry leadership in people, technology and knowledge; approximately 70 per cent of its employees are highly qualified multi-disciplined professional engineers and technicians. A public company, Ricardo plc posted sales of £162.8 million in financial year 2010 and is a constituent of the FTSE techMark 100 index – a group of innovative technology companies listed on the London Stock Exchange. For more information, visit www.ricardo.com.

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