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GKN's India Plant Named Toyota Kirloskar's "Best Supplier"

GKN Sinter Metals' Pimpri, India plant has received a top honor from Toyota Kirloskar Auto Parts (TKAP) Pvt. Ltd. On April 6, the company presented its "Best Supplier Award" to GKN's India plant for its 2004 transmission program.

GKN supplies Toyota Kirloskar with second-gear synchronizer hubs for five-speed SUV transmissions manufactured at TKAP's Bangalore, India plant. GKN began supplying the hub in April 2004 and is the single source for the component.

The Pimpri plant was selected to receive the award from a group of 35 suppliers. Criteria used to determine the winner included smooth production launch, cost performance and innovative technology transfer.

The award was presented by Kiyomichi Ito, Managing Director of Toyota Kirloskar Auto Parts, to Pimpri Executive Director - Sales Ajay Deuskar during a special ceremony.

This was the first "Best Supplier of the Transmission Project Award" presented by the Toyota plant, which just completed its first year of production.

GKN Sinter Metals' President Asia Pacific and South American Operations, Harald Neubert, explains, "We are committed to serving the Toyota family of companies in all parts of the world and we view this as the beginning of a mutually beneficial, long-term partnership between Toyota and GKN Sinter Metals."

Ajay Deuskar, Executive Director - Sales of GKN's Pimpri, India plant (right), receives the "Best Supplier Award" from Kiyomichi Ito, Managing Director of Toyota Kirloskar Auto Parts.

