



## **Saffil Automotive announces a new Ecoflex® facility in South Africa**

The new Saffil Automotive Ecoflex® production site will be located in Port Elizabeth (Eastern Cape Province) South Africa. At Perseverance Industrial Park, Saffil Automotive is ideally placed amongst high-tech automotive component manufacturers especially in the catalytic converter industry.

The South African catalytic converter market is a growing market, with over 10 million catalytic converters being manufactured every year; accounting for over 10% of the global production. By 2006 it is predicted one in five catalytic converters may come from South Africa



The Saffil site was completed in December 2003 and will be fully operational by the end of first quarter of 2004. The Saffil facility plant covers approx 2,500 m<sup>2</sup>, which includes production, storage and administration.

The Saffil Automotive facility will place a big emphasis upon Quality Control and Quality Management. Therefore Saffil Automotive South Africa (Pty) Ltd will be ISO 9001, TS 16949:2002 and ISO 14001 accredited from its first day of operation.

Saffil Automotive South Africa (Pty) Ltd will manufacture Ecoflex® catalytic converter support mats initially to service the South African exhaust & converter market. Ecoflex® products can be stored at the Saffil Automotive facility to provide Just In Time deliveries to local customers. Ecoflex® components as part of the car exhaust system are then exported to several car assembly lines globally.

Saffil Automotive South Africa (Pty) Ltd will manufacture Ecoflex® products at the Perseverance site guaranteeing a maximum local content for the Ecoflex® mat.

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