

Quickstep to manufacture Ford Falcon XR6 Sprint parts

Sydney, 16 February 2016– Advanced manufacturing company Quickstep Holdings (ASX: QHL) today announced that it has received full global signoff from the Ford Motor Company to manufacture an innovative air duct for the Ford Falcon XR6 Sprint. Ford is Quickstep's first automotive original equipment manufacturer (OEM) client.

The Falcon XR6 Sprint will be the first global mass-produced Ford to feature a carbon fibre air intake system, providing a showcase for Quickstep's automotive capability and the role of carbon fibre in the automotive industry.

Quickstep managing director, David Marino, said: "We are delighted to work with Ford on its groundbreaking technology. During design and development we qualified materials, resins and processes that replace a thick-walled, injection moulding plastic component with a very thin-walled carbon fibre part. We are excited by this signature contract and believe the automotive growth opportunities for Quickstep will be significant."

The air intake system was designed by Premcar, engineered and tested by Ford, and manufactured by Quickstep Automotive. It will be manufactured at Quickstep's Waurin Ponds automotive facility and production has now commenced.

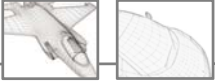
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Background on Quickstep Holdings Limited

Quickstep Holdings (ASX:QHL) is a manufacturer of advanced carbon fibre composites for the aerospace and automotive industries. The company operates from state-of-the-art aerospace manufacturing facilities at Bankstown Airport in Sydney, NSW; a production site for automotive in Waurin Ponds, Victoria; and an office in Munich, Germany.

Quickstep is an approved supplier for the international F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) program - the largest military aerospace program in the world, valued in excess of US\$300 billion worldwide. To date, more than 160 JSF aircraft have been delivered to the US Department of Defense, and this number is expected to grow rapidly. The company has also been selected by Lockheed Martin as the sole supplier of composite wing flaps for the C-130J "Super Hercules" military transport aircraft. Quickstep is currently partnering with some of the world's largest aerospace/defence organisations, including the US Department of Defense, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman and Airbus.

Quickstep is also developing patented manufacturing technologies to produce high-volume A-grade finished composite components for automotives. The company has secured a letter of intent to deliver components for Thales Australia's Hawkei protected mobility vehicle.



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