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AVIA LAUNCHES NEW PRODUCTS AT AUTOTEC 2006

Prague, June 2, 2006 – AVIA introduced its new D120 12 tonne model and EURO 4 engine technology today in AUTOTEC 2006, the Czech Republic's biennial commercial vehicle fair being held in Brno.

Both the 12 tonne and EURO 4 engine projects have been brought to fruition by a development investment by Odien Group, its 98.4% shareholder, and ably demonstrate AVIA Truck Business Unit's ability to develop new products reliably in a short time frame.

The new AVIA D120 is launched initially in the Czech market in EURO 3 form and has a gross vehicle weight of 11.99 tonnes, with kerbweights starting from only 3300kg. It includes a new frame, new suspension and new axles, which incorporate full air disc brakes on front and rear. Both 10 tonne and 11 tonne models variants are also offered (D100 and D110 respectively), along with a choice of 17.5" and 19.5" wheel and tyre equipment. The twelve tonne segment is growing rapidly in Europe and D120 will double the market segment available to AVIA.

AVIA has also chosen AUTOTEC to show the public its new EURO 4 models, fitted with the all-new 4.5 litre Cummins ISB^{e4} EURO4 engine with SCR (selective catalytic reduction) technology. The new Cummins engines have power outputs of 160 and 185 hp, with a de-rated 140 hp variant also available. At AUTOTEC, AVIA will also display this new technology in a D100, its 10 tonne truck, complete with extended sleeper cab.

EURO 4 will be generally available for all markets from September 2006, in all AVIA models spanning the gross weight range from 6.0 tonnes to 11.99 tonnes.

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About AVIA, a.s.: AVIA, a.s. is an Odien Group company. AVIA's Truck Business Unit is a leading producer of middle segment trucks based in Prague, Czech Republic. Supported by investment capital and active management participation from its new owner, AVIA underwent a significant revitalization and new product development program in 2005 including the new 12 tonne vehicle, which was fully developed in-house in less than a year. AVIA's other business activities are carried on through its OEM (Original Equipment) Business Unit and REN (Real Estate) Business Unit.

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