

Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers

OICA's President Patrick Blain forecasts an increase of +2% of 2014 world's vehicles sales

<u>Paris, September 30th, 2014</u>: Patrick Blain, President of OICA (Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs Automobiles - International Organisation of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers), commenting in front of a panel of international journalists the half year world auto industry figures, announces an increase of about 2% in vehicles sales for 2014 compared to last year. This will bring a total around M87 vehicles (all categories).

Patrick Blain said that "These figures show how strong the need is for autos in the world: even if some emerging countries are slowing sales and production, the global trend is positive". Some emerging countries are suffering economical problems such as Argentina, Russia, Thailand,... while China is still booming and Europe is re-starting its production and markets. "More than ever, the auto industry is at the forefront of technology with connected and new energy vehicles, offering an affordable future for the needs of a growing world population" said Patrick Blain.

OICA is the global auto industry trade association that regroups 38 national trade associations in charge of cars, LCVs and HCVs, spread all over the world. OICA members represent the global auto industry that drives economic progress. OICA, based in Paris since 1919, promotes and defends the interests of the global motor vehicle industry in a number of issues, especially in the field of the international harmonisation of technical regulations. OICA is the official representative of the global auto industry at the international level and especially the United Nations.

All the 2014, half year production, sales and vehicles in use for 1,000 inhabitants are available on OICA's web site: <u>www.oica.net</u>.

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