

# SKF's Global Technical Centre opened in Bangalore

SKF inaugurated its Global Technical Centre in India (GTCI) in Bangalore on December 14. The opening of the centre further reinforces SKF's global strategy to start such centres near its customers that focus on product innovations for all five SKF platforms – bearings, seals, mechatronics, lubrication systems and services. GTCI will have its strong focus on serving customers in India and South-East Asia, as well as global projects for SKF.

“India is an important market for SKF, and we are committed to support the unique needs of customers in growing economies. At the same time, we are focused on world leading research and innovation both in



From left, Mr. Arun Shivaram, Director, Global Technical Centre, India, Mr. Shishir Joshipura, Managing Director & Country Head, SKF India, Mr. Tom Johnstone, CEO-SKF AB, Mr. Rakesh Makhija, President Asia-CSKF Group, and Mr. Filippo Zingariello Director, Group Technology Development at SKF in Bangalore

India and internationally,” said Mr. Tom Johnstone, SKF President and CEO. “One of our driving forces is to deliver significant energy and carbon savings to our customers with our solutions”.

The opening of GTCI is part of SKF's technology strategy to develop a global product development and engineering organization. The new center marks the second development phase and will incorporate the existing Global Testing Center opened in 2009 and the Automotive Development Centre opened in 2004, both of which are located in Bangalore.

“With the launch of GTCI, our customers in India will benefit from ‘closer to home’ availability of SKF's global knowledge and expertise to address the growing need in India for newer technology development at a faster pace,” said Mr. Shishir Joshipura, Country Head, SKF in India. “Additionally, over the last two years, SKF opened three factories in Ahmedabad, Mysore and Haridwar to meet the growing demand of customers and the expanding product base in the region”.

**The company has invested around Rs. 500 million in which GTCI will employ approximately 400 engineers working in the areas of product engineering, development and testing, as well as a global laboratory for metallurgy, chemistry and bearing performance analysis.**