

# Collaborative Business Initiative (cBusiness)

or

# The new business strategy: Collaborative Lifecycle Management

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- Synergy between economics, business informatics and computer science

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- Industrial background
- cBusiness Vision
- Why now?
- Industry future watch
- Industry status
- Solutions overview
- Threats
- Challenges driving Innovation

## **Business** areas



#### We supply quality to the automotive industry. World-wide

#### **Business areas**

#### Main product groups

#### Customers

#### Gearshifts





- Automatic gearshift systems
- Manual gearshift systems
- Mercedes-Benz
- Opel
- Renault
- Saab
- Vauxhall
- Volvo Car

#### Seat Comfort



Climate seats



Lumbar and lateral supports



Head restraints

- Heated seats
- Ventilated seats
- Lumbar supports
- Lateral supports
- Head restraints

Almost all the vehicle manufacturers in the world, and the seat producers:

- Araco
- Delta
- FCA
- Faurecia
- Grammer
- Intier
- Isringhausen
- Lear
- Takanichi
- Treves

## **Business** areas

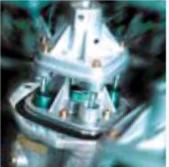


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#### Commercial Vehicle Systems



Clutch actuation



Hydraulic gearshifts



Mechanic gearshifts



Stabilising rods

#### Main product groups

- Clutch servos
- Master cylinders
- Servomasters
- Hydraulic gearshifts
- Mechanic gearshifts
- Anti-roll bars
- Reaction rods
   Components
- Couplings



Couplings

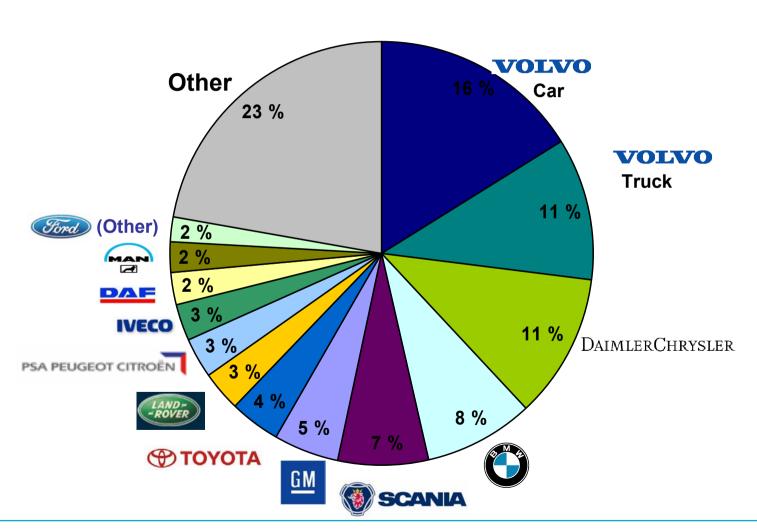
### Customers

- Bova
- Daewoo
- DAF
- Dennis
- Eaton
- ERF
- EvoBus
- FAW
- Foden
- Hyundai
- Irisbus
- Isuzu
- Iveco
- Leyland
- Leyland
- MAN
- Mercedes-Benz
- MCI
- Porsche
- Prevost
- Renault V.I.
- Scania
- Seddon Atkinson
- SISU
- Steyr
- Volvo

Components

## **Customer portfolio**





# cBusiness Initial industrial reference



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- Today's situation:
   To develop a new product or service usually requires various competences including traditional service and engineering fields (electrical, mechanical, computer, material, etc.) and contributions from financial and service sectors. Even multi-national enterprises often do not have all these competences in-house.
- cBusiness is the vision of radically improved business environment by rigorous reuse of knowledge and extreme flexibility in collaboration.
- cBusiness aims at integration of all stakeholders into a flexible and dynamic flexible organisation covering the complete lifecycle of products or services and of the associated business services.

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- The industry demands reduced lead time for
  - product & service development
  - product & service maintenance
- The capacity of new products & services has no limit, it is only a question of imagination
- Europe feels a threat from other regions
  - Crises knowledge is the mother of development
- Basic infrastructure possibility is coming
  - ESA / SOA etc.
  - Other projects results (like MAPPER, Athena)
- Fear of sharing
- Knowledge of other projects gives respect!
  - Esperanto
  - OEM "VPN solutions"



- Tries with own stand alone solution
  - Move suppliers into their own network (VPN)
  - Merge with important companies
- Worries about Intellectual Properties ownership
  - "We will never let anyone see our complete CAD models"
  - We can't let our specifications be read by anyone else
  - Our production information is our secret, our product contribution
- Focus on OEM and 1 tier solutions
  - 1 tier shall provide with their specific solutions to more than one OEM, by using best practice between different OEM demands, without destroying the uniqueness of the product to different OEMs.

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- Sharing ideas "bank of ideas"
  - Reuse
  - Google for Product & Services
- Sharing models
- Sharing descriptions (80% MS Office, 20% CAD)
  - Standards
  - Verifications
  - Test results
- Sharing administration
  - Common project management
  - Task list
  - Protocol
  - Time plan
- Similar process for change management



- Shared product description
  - Models
  - Specification
  - Follow up results (test and deviations)
- Shared production description (shop floor)
  - Line layout
  - Tooling and machine description
  - Monitoring



- Use of resources nearby
  - Does anyone need the recourses
    - Ad hoc free
    - "Planned" free capacity
    - "Obsolete" material / products
  - Resource cluster
    - Use of "return transport"
    - New re-cycling opportunity
- Google for product and service opportunities
  - Like today possibility of searching for cheap flights, consumer products etc.



#### Just a small selection:

- reduction of set-up time when forming collaboration, including organizational, technical and social elements.
- Share knowledge with partners and at the same time protect intellectual property rights
- Integration of product/service lifecycle with enterprise development and individual competence development
- New business models accommodating collaboration and competition
- New technologies and approaches for collaborative design, development and planning
- Demand and purpose-oriented supply of knowledge and information

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- Reduced time to market
  - New product will come faster to market
    - Future product with today unknown functions
    - Environment savers ?
    - Energy "solutions" ?
    - Healthcare "solutions" ?
- Reduced resource use
  - Re-use
  - Re-cycling
  - Usage of the capacity into Europe
- Enable small intelligent cells
  - OEM => 1 Tier => 2 Tier
  - Deep integration with independent companies

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# **Questions?**

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And some reserve slides



## Common processes

- Agreement on a basic way of describing the business process
  - Normally this is quite common but often want different companies to describe themselves uniquely…
- Intellectual properties (IP)
  - The solution of sharing IP is very often to hide parts of the information
  - Respect for different companies and protections into laws that give quick response of IP theft need to be established
- Communication protocol
  - ESA Enterprise Service Architecture
  - SOA Service Oriented Architecture
  - Portal (web) enabled workplace
    - User shall not recognize "where" they work they shall "just" work



- Transport management
  - Optimize transport (environment friendly)
- Warehouse management
  - Common view of complete safety stock
- Volume control
  - Shared planning of capacity, short and long term



- Shared production monitoring
  - Follow up disturbances into equipments
  - Follow up cycle quantities
- Shared SPC (statistic production control)
  - Reaction on deviation
  - Shared knowledge of trends
- Shared detailed production planning
  - Planning of recourses for maintenance
  - Reuse of recourses nearby



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- To create the welfare of tomorrow, the local (countries) and regional (EU) government need to focus resources on faster development than other regions.
- To ensure a substantial growth, new way need to be established and this is a focus for all different areas, from industrial over health care and public sector processes.
- The information society need to continue further on and change into the integrated society – this is a new era
- The c-business process needs to be established together with "IT solution", c-business is the symbiosis!