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Chrysler Launches 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee with SinterCast-CGI V6 Diesel Engine

- Jeep Grand Cherokee with 3.0 litre V6 diesel engine launched at Geneva Motor Show
- Cylinder block and bedplate produced in SinterCast-CGI at Tupy foundry in Brazil
- Engine designed and assembled by VM Motori in Italy







[Geneva, 1 March 2011] - Following the launch of the all-new 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee on 1 October 2010 at the Paris Auto Show, Chrysler Group LLC has today introduced the diesel version of the vehicle for the European market at the Geneva International Motor Show. The 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee becomes the first vehicle in the Chrysler Group to be available with a Compacted Graphite Iron (CGI) diesel engine. The 3.0 litre V6 diesel engine, providing 240 horsepower (59 kW/litre), 550 Nm of torque and 8.3 litres/100km (28 mpg) on the combined cycle, was designed and developed by VM Motori of Italy, a specialist diesel engine manufacturer jointly owned by General Motors and Chrysler. The cylinder block and bedplate of the engine are produced in Compacted Graphite Iron at the Tupy foundry in Brazil using the SinterCast process control technology. The CGI design allows for a compact engine package, with overall dimensions of just 695mm in length, 729mm in width and 698mm in height. Foundry production began during mid-2010 in order to fill the supply chain and to make vehicles available for the European dealer network.

"Having supported CGI product development and niche volume production for both Fiat and Chrysler, and building on our long-standing technical relationship with VM Motori, we are delighted with the launch of this series production programme" said Dr. Steve Dawson, President & CEO of SinterCast. "The European Jeep Grand Cherokee becomes the twenty-eighth vehicle to be offered to the market with a SinterCast-CGI engine and Jeep becomes the twelfth car brand to embrace the SinterCast technology in series production. The initial ramp-up has been successfully concluded and we look to supporting the ongoing series production with our partners at Tupy and VM Motori."

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