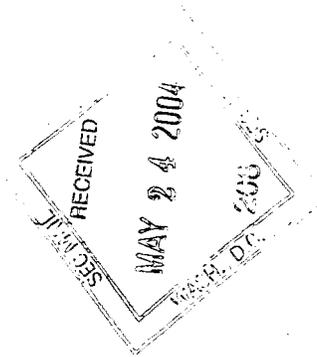




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Dear Sirs,

GKN plc - increase in shareholding in Shanghai based automotive joint venture

For your information I enclose a copy of the above announcement.

Yours faithfully,

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GKN completes increase in shareholding in Shanghai-based automotive joint venture

GKN Driveline announces that it has completed the acquisition of a further 10% in Shanghai GKN Drive Shaft Company Limited ('SDS'), its Shanghai-based driveline joint venture, from Deutsche Investitions – Und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH ('DEG') for a cash consideration of US\$14 million (£8 million). This brings GKN's shareholding in SDS to 50% and DEG no longer has any interest in SDS.

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