“Lean Production” Award for FIAT Panda Plant

**Highlights:**

* FIAT’s Pomigliano D’Arco plant in Naples scoops prestigious Lean Production award.
* *Automobil Produktion*/*Agamus Consult* Award for “Automotive Lean Production 2012”
* FIAT’s plant tops 700 production facilities in 15 different countries
* Criteria include: Quality, Maintenance, Logistics and Personnel-Driven Efficiencies

**Press Release:**

The FIAT plant at Pomigliano D’Arco in Naples, Italy, where the all-new FIAT Panda is produced, has been awarded the prestigious “Automotive Lean Production 2012” award in the OEM category by a committee of experts selected by Germany’s *Automobil Produktion* magazine and the consultancy firm *Agamus Consult*.

Since 2006 some 700 production plants located in more than 15 different countries, including Germany, France, Spain, Benelux and Italy, have competed for this significant award. The selection process includes detailed questionnaires, on-site inspections and specific meetings and interviews to investigate not just how lean the production process is but also the levels of quality, maintenance, logistics and personnel-driven improvements in efficiencies and waste elimination.

Stefan Ketter, Chief Manufacturing Officer of Fiat S.p.A., explained: “Through World Class Manufacturing - the production system in use in Fiat and Chrysler plants - the most sophisticated modern production standards have been implemented in Pomigliano, and they have now become a model for the other plants in the Group. We are proud that the results achieved have been acknowledged by such internationally acclaimed experts.”

The awards ceremony, hosted by *Automobil Produktion* and *Agamus Consult* is set to take place in Leipzig in Germany on November 7th 2012.

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