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## Tata Motors to expand its UK engineering base

Tata Motors' European Technical Centre (TMETC), a wholly owned UK-based subsidiary of Tata Motors, has announced that it will be expanding its partnership with the Warwick Manufacturing Group (at the University of Warwick). TMETC plans to increase its team of highly skilled engineers working on the campus by 40% over the next two years.

Tata Motors has invested over £85 million in automotive R&D at TMETC since it was established on the university campus in 2005, and it already has a team of 240 engineers and researchers working alongside WMG colleagues, with 60 of these hired over the last 12 months due to increased R&D investment. It aims to increase the size of the team to 340 by 2013.

Dr Tim Leverton, head of Advanced and Product Engineering at Tata Motors Ltd, said "This announcement represents a further demonstration of Tata's long-term commitment to developing R&D facilities here in the UK. The company gets access to world-class thoughts, skills and technologies through the TMETC and its collaboration with WMG."

TMETC's engineers work alongside WMG researchers in collaborative R&D programmes that focus on low-carbon technology. This has already started to produce tangible results — for example, Tata's Vista Electric Vehicle,

which will be built at a factory in Coventry.

The Pixel City Car (pictured), unveiled at the Geneva Motor Show last month, was also developed on the WMG campus. Based on the Tata Nano, it is a concept car with a Zero Turn Infinitely Variable Transmission that gives it a turning circle with a radius of just 2.6m, making it ideal for dense urban environments.

Nick Fell, director of TMETC, said "WMG and TMETC are building on five years of successful partnership to further 'grow' our presence at the University of Warwick. We plan to increase our team on the campus by up to 100 over the next two years, and are discussing establishing test and development facilities here."

