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## Tata Motors and WMG join to boost engineering base

**Tata Motors' European Technical Centre, a wholly-owned UK-based subsidiary of Tata Motors, announced that it will be expanding its partnership with 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 £85m in automotive R&D at the centre since it was established in 2005. The Technical Centre 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.

TMETC aims to increase the engineering and research force by a further 100 to 340 by 2013.

The centre's engineers, with extensive experience in automotive research, design and development,

work alongside WMG researchers in low carbon technology collaborative R&D programmes. Tata Motors' Vista Electric Vehicle, which will be built at a factory in Coventry and will be available to fleet customers in the UK later this year, is among the products generated by this collaboration.

WMG director, Professor Lord Bhattacharyya, said: "Technology businesses such as Tata are crucial to us solving global challenges that will require new thinking [on] energy [and] climate change related technologies. Tata's work alongside WMG will meet those challenges and will even lead the field in new low carbon technologies."