



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **AUTOWEB & RLE ANNOUNCE EXPANDED DATA INTEGRATION SERVICE OFFERING FOR CUSTOMERS**

**DETROIT, Mich.** – Autoweb, a global provider of data management solutions, and RLE INTERNATIONAL, a global design, engineering & IT/PLM service provider, announced that via their partnership they are now able to offer enhanced services to their customers relative to the North American big three automotive manufacturers; DaimlerChrysler, Ford and General Motors.

With this announcement, customers of both Autoweb and RLE have the opportunity to access design and engineering data from all three companies using Autoweb's Data Integration Services offering. The data integration service provides manufacturers the ability to work and interact with their partners PDM systems. This service enables suppliers to directly access engineering data in a safe and secure environment.

"For many of our customers, the prospect of directly connecting to their customers' PDM systems is either too expensive or too resource intensive," states Nino DiCosmo, chairman, president and CEO of Autoweb. He goes on to explain that by offering this service to his customers Autoweb is furthering its commitment to extend its service offerings in the data management arena.

RLE INTERNATIONAL add value to the management of design and engineering data via their deep knowledge of the design and engineering processes used by automotive OEM's. Autoweb adds value to the management of design and engineering data via their suite of products and services focused in this arena.

Dr Nigel Francis, president & COO of RLE INTERNATIONAL North American operations, states that "RLE INTERNATIONAL is very pleased to announce the connectivity with our automotive

Original Equipment Manufactures (OEM) partners. Through this connectivity and our experienced design and engineering staff we are well positioned to become the partner of choice for Tier 2 and 3 companies requiring assistance with the transfer and translation of data and indeed the checking in and checking out of data from / to the OEM PDM systems”.

The benefit of this partnership to the OEM's is also clear; it improves downstream security by eliminating the need for third party data management providers – the data remains safe in Autoweb's secure network throughout the transaction.

### **About Autoweb**

Autoweb is a leading global provider of engineering data management and exchange services, connecting engineering supply chains around the world via a secure, reliable and traceable communication medium. Autoweb is responsible for thousands of companies' most sensitive information – companies like General Motors, Ford, DaimlerChrysler, Pratt & Whitney, Delphi, Faurecia and thousands more. With over 20,000 users in 45 countries, Autoweb links the global manufacturing community.

### **About RLE INTERNATIONAL**

RLE INTERNATIONAL is one of world's leading automotive engineering service providers, with group sales of more than \$90 million. The company staffs more than 600 designers, engineers and technical specialists in North America, Europe, and Asia and offers services to the world's key regions and strategic markets. RLE INTERNATIONAL's client portfolio includes Ford, GM, DaimlerChrysler, Mercedes, BMW, Volkswagen and Honda as well as the tiered supplier community. Further information is available on the internet for RLE INTERNATIONAL in North America at [www.rleint.com](http://www.rleint.com) and in Europe at [www.rle.de](http://www.rle.de).

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