

Cobra Automotive Technologies



The experience of a medium sized Italian Group in Asia and China

2014 Area Meeting of Italian Chambers of Commerce in Asia, UAE and South Africa





Our Vision

Improve driver's quality of life

Our mission

Provide vehicle centric advanced solutions that enhance security and reduces risks and costs associated to the use of vehicles





Business sectors

- Electronic systems:
 - Vehicle Alarm Systems
 - Parking Aid Sensors
 - On Board Telematic Units

Vehicle Telematics Services:

- Remote Vehicle Management
- Emercency Services (E-Call, B-Call). Crash Alert Management
- Stolen Vehicle Recovery
- Insurance Telematics









Cobra Business Units







Our customer partners







Cobra is a Mediun sized Group :

Revenues: Eur 154 Mio in 2012
Employee: 850

.... but with a strong level of Internationalization

More than 75% of Revenues outside Italy

- → 28% In Asia (China, Korea, Japan, Malaysia, India)
 - Cobra HQ in Varese, Italy. Sales, R&D and Manufacturing
 - **Sales Branch offices** in Italy, Germany, France, Uk, Spain, China, Korea, and Japan
 - Main R&D in Italy and France, R&D Application centers in China, Korea, Japan and Brazil.
 - Manufacturing: in Italy and China
 - □ Network of Distributors in 40 countries around the world

Valori espressi in migliaia di Euro	2012	
		%
Italia	37.184	24,1%
Francia	8.395	5,4%
Germania	7.543	4,9%
Gran Bretagna	25.397	16,5%
Benelux	10.214	6,6%
Resto d'Europa	20.321	13,2%
Asia	42.702	27,7%
Resto del Mondo	2.343	1,6%
Ricavi della gestione caratteristica	154.099	100,0%





<u>Cobra AT Global Footprint</u>







Cobra in Asia

- 2000: Start business in Malaysia and India : Distribution agreement with local partner
- 2006: Open Cobra Japan Office: Sales and R&D to support business with Japanese Vehicle Manufacturers
- 2007: Cobra Beijing is founded: First Manufacturing plant outside Italy to serve China and Asian markets

2009: Cobra Korea is founded:

Sales and R&D to support business with Korean Vehicle Manufacturers



Cobra in China

Cobra (Beijing) Automotive Technologies Co., Ltd

Founded in August 2007 Location: Beijing Development Area (BDA) Total Area of the building : 2,000sqM Production+Warehouse Area : 1200sqM Investment of Euro 4.8 Mio

Investment type: WOFE (100% Owned)

-> Non regulated sector, target customers, keep IP and know how.



Main activities:

1. Business Development:

- Localization of project with Global Vehicle manufacturers in China for supplying to their Local Joint Ventures
- Develop business with Chinese vehicle manufacturers
- Support Business in South East Asia

2. Supply Chain and Supplyers quality.

- Responsible to develop Chinese suppliers to China Plant
- Support Central (HQ) SCM for projects that involve Chinese suppliers

3. Manufacturing :

Parking Aid systems for China and Export markets





main challenges....

First Industrial Operation outside Italy

Need to well document company process and manage multi culture Human Resources in Industrial Operations and R&D

Doing business with local customers (Chinese Vehicle Manufacturers); not always loyal practices for IP property and high pressure on profit margins due to cost reduction request and paiments terms

.... and achievements

- Growth of Revenues in Asia (5 times from 2007)
- Improvement of the Management's know how:
 - > Learn to Manage multi site R&D and manufacturing

> Learn from past mistakes and stronger position for future challenges.





Future Development

Start Telematic Business in China

➢ It will require to adapt Business Model as the Telematic sector is highly regulated in China

Thank you for your attention