



Valeo organizes the second "Forum Valeo" on "Safety: can technology do everything?"

Paris, September 5, 2008 – After the success of the first Forum on the theme of "Cars and Cities", Valeo is organizing the second edition, entitled "**Safety: can technology do everything?**".

Road safety is a global issue and Valeo, as one of the world's leading automotive suppliers, strongly committed to R&D, is hosting a round table debate on September 15, at the Automobile Club in Paris, for carmakers, suppliers, public authorities, motorists and experts in different fields to discuss the best ways to tackle it.

Despite real progress made in recent years by advanced countries, nearly 1.4 million accidents occur annually, killing 40,000 people. Even the countries with the best safety records, which include France, are a long way from "zero accidents". Worldwide, the picture is even bleaker, especially in countries where infrastructure has failed to keep up with rapid growth in the number of cars on the roads.

The deployment of smart systems, such as the European Union's e-safety program launched in 2002, has shown that technology clearly has a major role to play in this field, improving the reliability of cars and infrastructure, limiting the impact of accidents on people and influencing the behavior of motorists.

At this second Forum, Valeo is delighted to welcome **French Transport Minister Dominique Bussereau** who will share his vision of transport safety.

Also taking part in the debate will be:

- **Patricia Delhomme**, Director of the Laboratory for Driving Psychology at INRETS (French Institute for Research on Transport and Safety),
- **Sylvain Haon**, Executive Director of Polis, European Cities and Regions Networking for Innovative Transport Solutions,
- **Christoph Lauterwasser**, Managing Director of AZT Automotive at the Allianz Center for Technology,
- **Bernard Pottier**, President of the French Road Safety Association,
- **Michel Vimont**, Director of Research, Advanced Studies and Materials Engineering at Renault.



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Automobile Club de Paris, Place de la Concorde
Monday, September 15**

*The **Valeo Forum** is an international event to encourage exchange and debate on the role of the automobile in society. Its mission is to foster the sharing of experience and to actively contribute to the proposal and development of new automotive solutions. The Valeo Forum acts as a meeting point for the industrial, scientific and political worlds with the community at large. Valeo invites experts from these different areas to come up with concrete solutions to automotive issues so as to encourage implementation of common measures.*

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