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AUTO CRC ELECTRIC BUS PROJECT PLACES AUSTRALIAN COMPANY AS LEAD DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING PARTNER

AutoCRC is pleased to announce the commencement of a $170 million international research project to develop electric buses, with Australian company Bustech confirmed as the lead design and manufacturing partner.

The E-Bus project brings together Australian organisations Bustech (part of Transit Australia Group) and Swinburne University of Technology with Malaysia Automotive Institute (MAI) and a private Malaysian company to develop and produce the buses, which will be trialled in Malaysia later this year.

AutoCRC CEO Ian Christensen says, “This exciting project is one of the ways that AutoCRC has been working to bring opportunities to Australian SMEs.

“Australia has many innovative small companies looking for ways to engage with global supply chains and AutoCRC has been very focused on developing international relationships, particularly in Asia, that can provide opportunities for them.

“We have been working with the Malaysia Automotive Institute for several years on technology development projects and business matching activities that provide benefits to both Australia and Malaysia.

“We are very pleased to be able to initiate and manage this important project, which will see Australian and Malaysian companies working together to develop, produce and commercialise the new technology.”

Gary White, AutoCRC Research Director, adds, “Our long-term vision at AutoCRC is to rebuild manufacturing in Australia and this project is a perfect illustration, with Bustech’s manufacturing facility capable of delivering high-quality, innovative products.”

It is expected that the first bus will be produced in 2015 for trials commencing next September.
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AutoCRC Ltd offers a broad range of skills and services to the automotive manufacturing sector locally and internationally, with a focus on productivity, efficiency, sustainability and innovation.

Its collaborative and multi-disciplinary research program focuses on developing low emissions automotive technology in conjunction with key partners, whilst providing research opportunities and direction to small and medium sized manufacturers looking to participate in R&D.

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