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## Press Release

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CFCP (French Rubber and Polymers Centre) and IRMRA (Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Association) settled a France/India Cooperation Agreement

This new agreement between the two comparable size Institutions is covering a joint collaboration program including:

- Academic sponsored research projects
- Simulation of rubber and polymeric composites
- Subcontracting of testing activities
- Promotion and distribution of online courses (MOOC and SPOC)
- Identify the potential opportunity for development of products for defence and aerospace research application using mutual expertise.

According to Christian CALECA, Managing Director of CFCP, and Kasilingam RAJKUMAR, Director of IRMRA, this new cooperation will facilitate many business opportunities for European and Indian companies active on the General Rubber Goods and Tyres markets. We expect a significant growth of technical and sales projects during the next years.

CFCP, regrouping SNCP (French Rubber Association), LRCCP (Research Laboratory), IFOCA (Rubber School), TNPF (Tyre standards and test), FDCA (Rubber Foundation), has an annual turnover of 8 million € with 75 employees in Paris and Nantes (France). www.cfcp-caoutchouc.com

IRMRA, located in Mumbai, India with facilities for testing of tyre & non tyre rubber products, product development, Industrial Consultancy and Man power training, has an annual turnover exceeding 2.5 million € with 80 employees. IRMRA has started working on expansion of its branches at Chennai (South India) and Kolkata (East India). www.irmra.org

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