

Third quarter of 2014: stable on last year's levels

Brussels, 13 October 2014 – The European Tyre and Rubber Manufacturers Association published today figures concerning its members' sales in the third quarter of 2014.

In the third quarter of 2014, after the strong performance of the first half of the year, sales stabilised on the levels of 2013, with the exception of Agricultural tyres, where the market decreased.

All in all, these first nine months show a general increase in sales, which are supported by the increase of new car registrations.

In '000 units	3 rd quarter 2013	3 rd quarter 2014	Variation %	Jan-Sept 2013	Jan-Sept 2014	Variation %
	57.621	58.409	+1%	148.917	156.916	5%
00	2.558	2.552	0%	6.483	6.872	6%
	424	386	-9%	1.349	1.351	0%
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(source: ETRMA)

ETRMA also published today its <u>statistics booklet</u>, which gives an overview of the tyre and rubber industry for the year 2013. "This is the 6th edition of our statistics overview, which every year gives an accurate picture of where our industry stands, not only in terms of sales, but also of production and trade", said Ms Cinaralp, Secretary General of ETRMA. The booklet also goes beyond the realm of tyres providing data on general rubber goods, as well as on the vehicle industry and the natural and synthetic rubber demand, consumption and trade.

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ETRMA's membership include the following tyre manufacturers: APOLLO VREDESTEIN, BRIDGESTONE EUROPE, BRISA, COOPER TIRES, CONTINENTAL, GOODYEAR DUNLOP TIRES EUROPE, HANKOOK, MARANGONI, MICHELIN, MITAS, NOKIAN TYRES, PIRELLI AND TRELLEBORG WHEEL SYSTEMS. Furthermore, members include Associations in the following countries: Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain and the UK. The industry provides direct employment for about 360,000 people in the EU and supports another 800000 jobs in related sectors. ETRMA members' turnover is estimated to about € 45 b, of which up to 5% continues to be invested in R&D, annually.

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