



SAMOTER AND ASPHALTICA RESCHEDULED TO OCTOBER

EVENTS

Veronafiere, the organisers of the SaMoTer construction equipment show in Verona, Italy, have announced new dates for the event which was postponed due to the Covid-19 emergency sweeping the country.

According to a statement from Veronafiere, the new dates for the event are 21-25 October this year. Originally taking place in March, the event had already been rescheduled to 16-20 May after the initial lockdown of northern Italy following the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus in the region. The event was to take place concurrently with Asphaltica, also organised by Veronafiere, dedicated to the bitumen and road sector, which will now also be held on the same dates. The two events will now share their dates with ICCX Southern Europe, the product exhibition conference, and Oil & Non-Oil, the energy, fuel and mobility services trade fair.

Giovanni Mantovani, CEO of Veronafiere, said: "We continue to monitor the scenario, together with the steering committee involving companies, partners and associations such as Unatraa and Stab which co-organises Asphaltica with us. The new postponement agreed upon is consequently the result of real-time listening to the market and careful assessments. We took into account the need to ensure safety in health terms and safeguard the important investments planned by companies taking part. This unity of intent with stakeholders once again highlights the sector's confidence in the capacity of the trade fair system to support it and be a tool for relaunching the sector, even in times of great crisis such as those we are currently experiencing."

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WORKSHOP

EUT AND AUTOPRO OFFER FREE TYRE CHECKS

TYRES

Emirates for Universal Tyres (EUT), Continental's UAE distributor, is teaming up with AutoPro, to offer free tyre check campaign for the Emirates' drivers.

At a time of year when drivers face unpredictable weather, resulting in the increased possibility of accidents, the campaign has been introduced to ensure drivers are as safe as possible, the two companies explained in a statement. Each customer will be offered a complete tyre check, which will include tests for air pressure, tyre size, tread depth, wear and punctures. The checks are an offer as part of AutoPro's 10th anniversary. Drivers can stop for the checks between 22nd February and 25th April.

"Helping to deliver the safest possible driving environment is a primary focus for both EUT and Continental," said Shaun Smith,



general manager, EUT. "This campaign is perfectly in keeping with this objective, and we look forward to helping as many of the UAE's drivers as possible."

Taleb Al Saleh, retail marketing director, ENOC added: "As the operator of the largest network of automotive facilities, AutoPro has a commitment to understanding our customer's needs and safety. That's

why we deliver the best quality service. For our tenth anniversary celebration, we are implementing a series of tyre safety campaigns, partnering with Continental Middle East and EUT to make sure that our customers drive away safely and that their tyres are roadworthy."

EUT was recently reappointed as the sole UAE distributor for Continental.

ROLLS-ROYCE REVEALS CORONAVIRUS MEASURES

PRODUCTION

Rolls Royce Motor Cars halted production at the company's Goodwood-based manufacturing plant on 23 Monday March for an initial two weeks. In order to further secure the health and welfare of the employees of the company this suspension will be followed by an already planned

two-week Easter maintenance shutdown, said the company.

"The day-to-day operations of the company was assured by non-production employees who will remain at work at the company's head office on the Goodwood Estate in West Sussex or who will work from home on a rotational basis. Social distancing measures were also

introduced throughout the company.

"This unprecedented action has been taken following the introduction of additional measures by the UK Government to tackle the Covid-19 pandemic," said the company in a statement.

"This action has not been taken lightly, but the health and well-being of our exceptional workforce is first and foremost in our minds," said Torsten Müller-Otvös, CEO, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars. "We are a tight-knit community at the House of Rolls Royce and I have no doubt that our resilience will shine through during this extraordinary time." He continued, "As a deeply customer-focused company we are aware that this decision to pause our production will possibly cause some discomfort or inconvenience to a few of our esteemed patrons, for which we apologise while seeking their understanding at this difficult time."



A HARD DECISION TO MAKE

Rolls-Royce CEO Torsten Müller-Otvös says the action was not taken lightly but the company had to protect its workforce.

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