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## CIFUNSA TO SUPPLY ENGINE BLOCKS FOR FORD

SALTILLO, MEXICO (OCTOBER 20, 2010) -- Cifunsa Diesel, S.A. de C.V. will supply gray iron block castings to Ford Motor Company for its 4.6L, 5.4L and 6.8L gasoline-powered V8 engines. The components will be used mainly for 2011 E Series Vans, Expedition/Navigator, and some passenger car applications.

Production is underway at Cifunsa's manufacturing facility in Saltillo, Mexico and Cifunsa will achieve 100 percent capacity for the program by early 2011.

Components are being supplied to Ford engine facilities in Romeo, Mi, USA. and Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

"We are pleased to be working with Ford on this challenging program, and the Cifunsa team has exceeded expectations," said Alberto Piñones, Chief Executive Officer of Cifunsa.

"Cifunsa was able to develop and manufacture these near net shape cylinder block castings at world class timing and quality levels for our Engine Manufacturing Operations," said Terry Aldea, Casting and Forging Global Executive Engineering Manager, Ford Motor Company.

This agreement, combined with a previous award from Ford for cylinder blocks for its 6.2L V8 engine program in 2009, secures Cifunsa's position as a leading supplier in the production and sale of gray iron cylinder blocks and heads in the NAFTA market.

### **About Cifunsa Diesel, S.A. de C.V.**

Cifunsa Diesel, S.A de C.V is a member of the Grupo Industrial Saltillo (GIS), one of the largest industrial groups in Mexico, founded in 1928. With headquarters in Saltillo, four casting facilities and an installed capacity of 400,000 tons per year, Cifunsa is one of the largest independent foundries in the world. Cifunsa supplies iron castings to automotive OEMs and tier one and two suppliers, industrial, construction and agricultural equipment manufacturers North America, South America and Europe. For more information, please visit: [www.cifunsa.com.mx](http://www.cifunsa.com.mx)

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