

# About the Association Tunga fordon i.e. Heavy Vehicles

### Background

In the south of Sweden there is a successful cluster of companies. They joined in the Association Tunga fordon (Heavy Vehicles) 2006. A typical company of the membership, manufactures vehicles in small production series with an advanced technology and a very high degree of customization. They are active in forestry, construction and handling of heavy material. Vehicles from south of Sweden create value across the whole world. They are known for their quality and stamina.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Association is to strengthen the long-term growth and profitability of the companies of the membership, through collaboration and the securing of competence. The Association contributes to an innovative environment of growth for the companies in the Association. Through collaboration with research and society, the association will contribute to international competitiveness and ability of the members to contribute to sustainable development.

### Activities

The Association continuously conducts various activities. The purpose of all these activities is to drive forward the development of heavy duty vehicles and create a base for a learning process.

The activities consist primarily of training, workshops, groups where experience can be exchanged through dialogues and various joint research and development projects. All activities are based on business needs.

The Association works with areas that create competitive edge, such as technical and environmental business intelligence, product development, production, purchasing, logistics and supplier management, and seeing to business competence resources. Current areas of focus include reduced fuel consumption, lower emissions and the environment for drivers.

Another important task of the Association is to bring forward the business needs of the companies to those involved in higher education and research.

Tunga fordon is operated by the SP-group on behalf of its members. SP Technical Research Institute of Sweden is a leading international research institute with approximately 1200 employees. We work closely with our customers to create value, delivering high-quality input in all parts of the innovation chain, and thus playing an important part in assisting the competitiveness of industry and its evolution towards sustainable development. For more information see www.sp.se











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## **Become a member**

### **Membership Policy**

Members of the Association should:

- Have a connection to the region
- Conduct business consistent with the purpose of the Association
- Give value to the business

### **Membership benefits**

- Access to the unique networks and channels of Tunga fordon, to universities, research institutions and government agencies

- Access to services and services offered by Tunga fordon (such as technical and commercial business intelligence, support activities for product development, production, purchasing, logistics and supplier development and business development)

- Participation in work groups and dialogue groups

- Reduced fees or no charge on activities to enhance competence such as seminars, workshops and other events by Tunga fordon

- The right to use the logo and name of Tunga fordon in ones own promotion as long as it is in line with the mission, purpose and goals of the Association, see the Development Plan.

- Opportunity to participate in joint projects and influence the business of Tunga fordon

Costs for joint R & D projects are agreed upon separately.

### Become a member

If you are interested in the activities of the Association, please contact Director Karin Nilsson for more information.

### Organization

The General Meeting (Föreningsstämman) of the Association is the highest decision-making body. The General Meeting appoints the board which leads the Association. See the Board here.

The Board administers and manages the affairs of the Association and works to implement the objectives as decided at the General Meeting.

The Board decides on the rules for membership and approval of new members. Members are paying an annual membership and service fee. These fees are determined at the ordinary General Meeting through proposal from the Board.

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## Development Plan for the Association Tunga fordon (approved in November 2010)

### Mandate

Tunga fordon will strengthen long-term growth and profitability of the companies of the membership through collaboration between companies, communities and universities.

Tunga fordon will ensure:

- collaboration between companies of the membership
- continued securing of competence for companies of the membership

#### Vision

Tunga fordon is to be associated with "World-leading technology and expertise for heavy duty vehicles" by identified target groups.

#### Goal

The association Tunga fordon shall be the primary and natural partner for a large number of companies organizationally in the industry of heavy duty vehicles, concerning skills, exchange of experience, marketing, lobbying, etc.

Tunga fordon shall work for development of innovative and competitive networks of suppliers to companies of heavy duty vehicles.

Tunga fordon shall be visible and well known.

Tunga fordon shall have strong resources of execution (networks) for research and training aimed at the industry for heavy duty vehicles with key partners such as the Linnaeus University and SP Technical Research Institute of Sweden. Tunga fordon will also contribute so that deeper and more applied R & D projects will emerge among the members of the Association.

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