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Press Release

Sona Comstar to manufacture Magnet-less Drive Motor for performance two-wheelers and three-wheelers for global market - Enters Collaboration Agreement with IRP Nexus Group, Israel

New Delhi, 4th October 2021: Sona BLW Precision Forgings Limited, through its wholly owned subsidiary company Sona Comstar eDrive Private Limited (**Sona Comstar**) has entered into a collaboration agreement with IRP Nexus Group Ltd., Israel to develop, manufacture, and supply a Magnet-less Drive Motor and the Matching Controller ("**System**") for Performance Two-wheelers and Three-wheelers for the Global Market. The agreement was signed on 30th September 2021 through the initiative of International Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology (**iCreate**), India's technology business incubation center.

As per the agreement, IRP will license its technology to Sona Comstar for manufacture of the System exclusively in India for the global market. The System envisages an innovative motor-plus-controller combination that does not use rare earth elements like neodymium, besides offering high efficiency and low cost to manufacturers of electric two- and three-wheelers. The Project is expected to mitigate the risk stemming from dependency on limited and unreliable sources, apart from ensuring a more environmentally friendly production process.

Mr. Sunjay Kapur, Chairman Sona Comstar, *"this can be a game changer for the EV segment and may bring about a revolutionary change in the automobile industry. The EV industry is likely to benefit from reduced cost of production and will be insulated against supply chain disruptions of rare earth minerals required today for electric motors. Sona Comstar has been at the forefront of introducing cutting edge technology for the automotive segment and envisages that this development may bring about a positive shift towards quicker adoption of EV globally. We are confident that this new innovating technology will have wide scale implication and the potential towards environmental sustainability, besides reducing the cost of EV vehicles."*

Mr. Vivek Vikram Singh, Managing Director and Group CEO, *"this is truly innovative technology that may have a huge impact on the electric vehicle industry. This agreement will bring a new kind of technology not seen before in electric two and three wheelers, making them much more affordable. Electric Vehicles are the future of mobility and we at Sona Comstar are doing our utmost towards making the technology sustainable, affordable and environment friendly. We are at the forefront of exploring unconventional technology and newer solutions to bring positive change to the automobile sector."*

Under the arrangement, Sona Comstar will pay onetime license fees and royalty to IRP Nexus during the term of the Agreement. The term of the Agreement is 7 (seven) years. Sona Comstar will have the exclusive rights to manufacture the System in India and non-exclusive rights to sell and distribute the System globally.



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About Sona Comstar (Sona BLW Precision Forgings Limited)

Sona BLW Precision Forgings Limited (**Sona Comstar**) is one of India's leading automotive technology companies. Founded in 1995, it is headquartered in Gurugram, India and has emerged as a global supplier with nine manufacturing and assembly facilities across India, USA, Mexico and China.

Sona Comstar is primarily engaged in designing, manufacturing and supplying highly engineered, mission critical automotive systems and components to automotive OEMs. Sona Comstar is a leading supplier to the fast-growing global Electric Vehicle (**EV**) market. The company has strong R&D, engineering and technological capabilities in precision forging, mechanical and electrical systems, as well as base and application software development. It is diversified across geographies, products, vehicle segments and customers.

Sona Comstar is listed on BSE Ltd(**BSE**) (Code: SONACOMS/543300) and National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (**NSE**) (Symbol: SONACOMS) in India.