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VCA NORTH AMERICA ANNOUNCES GLOBAL REGULATORY COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT SERVICE FOR AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURERS

Northville, MI – October 18, 2007 – VCA North America, a leading European Type Approval authority operating from offices around the world, has announced that it is offering automotive manufacturers a new comprehensive global automotive regulatory compliance and certification management service.

This new service will combine all the elements needed for a complete, one-stop approach to the growing complexity of meeting worldwide automotive regulatory and certification requirements. Rob Brayfield, President, VCA North America stated, “We have drawn on our experience of working with a wide range of European type approval customers over several decades to design this comprehensive and flexible new service. We can offer our clients a full range of products; from supplying consolidated copies of regulations for target markets to the web based management of the complete regulatory compliance and certification programs for our customers’ products.”

The concept allows for clients to choose the level of service that best suit their needs and resources. It is based on the premise that all manufacturers are obliged to perform the same routine regulatory searches and analysis – and that this task is best outsourced to a specialist. This frees up manufacturers’ intellectual resources to work on the more value adding activities that differentiate their products from the competition. Examples of the services offered include:

1. Analyzing a given vehicle/market and providing a master list of all potential regulatory and certification requirements.
2. Providing consolidated copies of the full regulations with model specific summaries of requirements applicable at the time of product launch.
3. Creating compliance test plans, witnessing the testing process, validating test reports against the regulatory requirements and issuing approval certificates for type approval markets.
4. Monitoring compliance activities and tracking the status of all testing, compliance and certification documentation as well as providing alerts and other pro-active messaging.

VCA, utilizing its extensive global network of offices, will manage international vehicle regulatory and certification subject requirements under one convenient web-based process, which can be expanded to include specific local market import, safety and environmental requirements – and even the individual US state regulations. Services will be offered to clients on a monthly subscription basis. Each subscription will include active management, performed by VCA, and client access to all process and certification documentation via the DocPipes® Compliance software suite.

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