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### **RENAULT OPENS TEST CENTER IN ROMANIA**

**Renault officially opened the Titu Technical Center today at a ceremony attended by Romanian President Traian Basescu and Patrick Pélata, Renault's Chief Operating Officer. The new facility will complement the Aubevoye and Lardy test centers in France and will focus on testing for vehicles and powertrain components from the B0 platform used for Logan.**

After opening a powertrain innovation unit at the Lardy center in June, Renault is today opening a new test center in Titu, Romania. Built on a 330-hectare site midway between the Dacia plant in Pitesti and the Renault Technologie Roumanie (RTR) engineering center in Bucharest, the new facility will test Group vehicles and powertrain components. An integral part of RTR, the Titu center rounds out the Group's engineering facilities.

The center has 100 test benches for complete vehicles and components (shock absorbers, running gear, powertrains, etc). The benches can simulate extreme conditions, testing the ability to withstand cold, and simulating sunlight, rain, and other situations. Ten types of track making up a total length of 32 km are planned to analyze vehicle behavior. They include a speed circuit, uneven road surfaces, an underbody impact zone and wading troughs. The site meets European environmental standards, and the center will apply for ISO 14001 certification in its first year of operation.

The first teams arrived at the center in June 2010, and the workforce will number 300 by year's end. The first track tests are scheduled for October 2010.

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