‘Made in Britain’ – Good News for the British motor industry…

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‘Built in Britain’ but in demand ‘everywhere’ – Nissan’s Qashqai is just one example…

Britain’s car industry is really motoring again.

By Robin Roberts.

Car production hit a 17-year high in 2016 with exports at record levels and 1.35M shipped worldwide.

Half of those went to Europe while Americans took nearly 50% more than they did in 2015 and it became the UK’s biggest single consumer country.

Figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders covered the UK’s 15 manufacturers.

Top ten British best-sellers worldwide were:

Nissan Qashqai, Toyota Auris, MINI, Vauxhall Astra, Range Rover Sport, Range Rover Evoque, Land Rover Discovery Sport, Honda Civic, Jaguar F-Pace and Jaguar XE.

Domestic demand for UK built cars also grew last year, up 2.4% in the year, and the UK remains the second largest car market in Europe, again after Germany.

Mike Hawes, SMMT Chief Executive, said, “The tremendous growth in UK production is testament to the global competitiveness of the UK automotive sector.

“High class engineering, advanced technology and a workforce committed to quality have helped turn around the industry, making the UK among the most productive places in Europe to make cars.”