

Kineco sets up design centre for rail division



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Pileme based, Kineco, unveiled a new product design and development centre for its IRIS certified rail division.

Named ZUGMAK (Zug in German means train and MAK stands for modern automation by Kineco), the centre will indigenously develop advanced systems for train coaches for the Indian and global markets. It will be manned by cross functional engineering team of designers and specialists from various engineering disciplines and headed by Shyam Ozarkar, chief operating officer, Kineco rail division. Being IRIS certified, the center will follow a structured product development process.

Kineco launched two subsystem development projects recently and is planning for the launch of the prototypes by Dec 2020 and commercial launch by April 2021.

On the occasion, Shekhar Sardesai, founder and managing director said, "I am delighted that Kineco's rail division team led by Ozarkar is embarking on an exciting journey. I am sure, with this initiative the division will be the frontrunner in building indigenous capabilities for the manufacture of key subsystems for modern trains in India." He added, "This is yet another



quantum leap by our company towards the 'Make in India' mission."

Kineco's railway business occupies a leadership position in the domestic market. It has been supplying world class composite products to Indian Railways for the last fifteen years with several innovative product developments to its credit. The railway product portfolio includes rail coach interiors, toilet modules, aerodynamic front ends and driver cab interiors and hard seating systems.

Kineco has also entered the segment of design to build turnkey railway interior projects for new and refurbished coaches and currently is among few players in India that are qualified for such projects