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Karmanos' Gerold Bepler, left, research assistant Agnes Malysa, right, with Dan Ammann and wife Pernilla.

GM/Isuzu Joint Venture to Invest \$60 Million

GM and Isuzu's joint venture, DMAX Ltd., will invest \$60 million to make design changes that meet future emissions requirements.

GM officials said the investment will help DMAX make design changes to meet Environmental Protection Agency standards that take effect in 2017.

The investment, announced Feb. 5, retains approximately 500 jobs at the joint venture facility.

Established in 1998, DMAX has produced almost 1.6 million engines since opening in 2000. GM owns 60 percent and Isuzu owns 40 percent of the venture that makes the Duramax diesel for heavy-duty trucks, said GM spokesperson Mary Ann Brown.

'This announcement demonstrates GM's commitment to continuously invest in technologies that reduce the impact of our vehicles on the environment, while maintaining performance attributes required by customers in the areas of towing and hauling loads," said GM North America Manufacturing Manager Christine Sitek.

This investment represents a vote of confidence in our employees and IUE-CWA Local 755, who have consistently demonstrated their commitment and dedication to building the best diesel engine

possible," Sitek said. DMAX, Ltd. has invested \$760 million in the DMAX facility since 2000. Brown said.

"This joint venture is a great example of what can be achieved with a successful global partnership, and I extend my appreciation to the leadership of Isuzu for its commitment to the success of this operation," Sitek said.

DMAX is home to the proven Duramax 6.6L turbodiesel engine used in the Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra, Brown said.

The current Duramax is SAEcertified at 397 horsepower at 3,000 rpm and 765 lb.-ft. of torque at a low 1,600 rpm.

All Duramax engines include a high-pressure (30,000 psi/2,000 bar) Piezo-actuated fuel system for greater fuel efficiency, improved performance and reduced emissions. The Duramax is also available in the Chevrolet Express and GMC Savana full-size vans.

Library to Host Q&A on Obamacare

The Warren Public Library is hosting a special presentation on the Affordable Health Care Act, also know as Obamacare, on Monday, March 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Warren Civic Center.

"Many people in our community have questions about the Affordable Care Act," said Civic Center Branch librarian Kathy Faba. "Some may not be aware that everyone must have insurance coverage by March 31, 2014.

"In order to provide information on this important program, representatives from Advantage Health Centers (AHC) will be at the Warren Civic Center to answer questions. AHC personnel are trained to provide education about the Health Insurance Marketplace and provide free enroll-

Faba said space is limited. To reserve a spot, call 586-751-0770. Those attending might also want to bring proof of income so that the experts can better answer questions on the best health insurance programs for a particular individual or family.

"This event will be one of the last chances for people to sign up for health insurance before the March 31 deadline," Faba said.

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GM Foundation's \$400K Supports Cancer Research

The General Motors Foundation is donating \$400,000 to support cancer research conducted by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The grant celebrates Karmanos' 32nd Annual Dinner and brings to nearly \$7.3 million the combined contributions from the GM Foundation and GM over the last 17 years, said foundation spokesperson Maria Mainville.

"Our donation to Karmanos Cancer Institute is part of the GM Foundation's larger commitment to support the research and prevention of the major illnesses of heart disease, cancer and diabetes," said GM Foundation president Vivian Pickard.

"Due to the tireless efforts of the Karmanos team and their excellent reputation, we are again extending our support to continue the fight against cancer."

GM President Dan Ammann and his wife Pernilla, chief operating officer of Mother New York, will serve as chairs for the Annual Dinner on Saturday, April 26, at the Fox Theatre.

This is the fourth consecutive year that a member of GM senior leadership has chaired the event.

"Pernilla and I are humbled by the opportunity to continue GM's commitment to Karmanos, and act as champions for such an important cause," Ammann said.

Michigan's Glass Experts

Cadillac is the host sponsor of this year's annual dinner.

Proceeds from the event will fund the renovation of the Institute's infusion center, where chemotherapy, a significant component of treatment for many cancer patients, is administered.

The renovations will enhance the patients' experience, providing a more comfortable and soothing environment as they receive critical care, Mainville said.

"We are extremely grateful for the outstanding support of General Motors and the GM Foundation," said Gerold Bepler, M.D., Ph.D., president and CEO, Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

"The GM Foundation has consistently supported our innovative cancer research, which is critical for the advancements of new treatment discoveries.

"In addition," said Bepler, "the tremendous contributions from GM over the span of several vears demonstrates the company's steadfast commitment to cancer patients and the health and well-being of those in our community."

To reserve tickets or for more information, contact Lisa Koltunchik at 313-576-8106 or koltuncl@karmanos.org or visit http://www.karmanos.org/annualdinner.

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