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## **DAF to Launch New Models at Brisbane Truck Show**

DAF Trucks Australia will launch two new models from its award-winning range at the Queensland Truck & Machinery Show in May.

Commonly known as 'The Brisbane Truck Show', this biennial exhibition – the largest of its kind in the southern hemisphere – has become the premier event of the trucking industry, attracting more than 200 exhibitors and over 40,000 people.

This is the first joint showing of the DAF and Kenworth brands in Australia, with both truck ranges displayed side by side on two stands.

DAF's all-new flagship XF95 prime mover and LF Series urban carrier, the 2002 International truck of the year, will accompany DAF's complete line-up of all models and configurations.

General Manager, for DAF Trucks Australia, David Waldron, says it is the ideal venue to showcase DAF's latest innovations as part of the PACCAR Australia range.

"This joint display will show the public the heritage of DAF and Kenworth – PACCAR brands that provide complete solutions for every sector of the transport industry. Between them, the two brands offer a range of models, from heavy-duty powerhouses with 600 hp to light, urban vehicles with 220 hp," he said

"DAF's new XF95 and LF series are expected to be crowd-stoppers at the show. Since their unveiling in Europe, they have been widely acclaimed by the international trucking media and the transport industry in general as the best vehicles in their class."

"These new releases – like the entire DAF range – lift the bar, with highly-refined engines delivering lower fuel consumption new modern-styled, spacious cabs, providing improved driver access and comfort," David explained.

### **DAF Trucks on Show**

DAF Trucks Australia will display six vehicles at the show. These include:

- XF95 6x4 prime mover – DAF's next generation prime mover to be shown for the first time in Australia
- CF85 6x4 prime mover
- LF45 4x2 rigid – the all-new award-winning model, complete with tray body
- CF85 6x4 rigid – complete with the much-in-demand Hercules tipper body

- CF75 6x2 – with EBS, all-round disc braking and the Euro 3 engine
- CF85 8x4 twin-steer rigid – features load share suspension and rugged DAF rear axles with hub reduction.

In addition, DAF's new LF55 4x2 rigid urban distribution vehicle, complete with tautliner body, will be available for test drives around the show grounds throughout the event.

“We have pulled off a coup with the new XF95,” David said. “We will have on display a prototype of the new model which is due out later this year. It's sure to turn heads, not just because of its sleek new lines but what's in and under the cab.”

The newly developed 12.6-litre, 24-valve engine produces long, flat torque over a wide rev band, ensuring driving is more comfortable with less gear changes, and fuel consumption is less dependent on individual driving styles.

The XF95's Super Space Cab offers ample living, working and storage space. The cockpit-style dashboard curves around the driver, so that all controls are within optimum reach. An LCD information display in the centre of the instrument panel reports to the driver on vital vehicle and engine functions, when required.

In addition, the new XF95 – to be introduced to Australia in September – will sport the latest generation AS-Tronic transmission. This state-of-the-art automatic-shift gearbox selects the right gear in any situation, providing ease of gear-changing and lower operating costs.

DAF's new award-winning LF series is also expected to make a strong impression at the Brisbane Truck Show. “Our LF45 and 55 models boast light, accurate steering, low pedal effort and a smooth-shifting gearbox for car-like handling. They also have high payload capacity, small turning circles and one of the lowest costs per kilometre in their class. And, like all DAF trucks, the engines deliver high torque at low engine speeds. This enables them to accelerate fast and keep up with the traffic without having to continually change gears,” David explained.

The LF series offers easy operation, greater visibility and includes compact, low-noise cabs for driver safety and comfort. They are powered by the new fuel-efficient, six-cylinder Euro 3 PACCAR engines, by Cummins, available in three outputs.

Like all DAF trucks, the LF models are competitively priced and offer a range of advanced features as standard. These include full air disc brakes all round with ABS, cruise control, and an LCD driver information panel. The models are also available with either a day or sleeper cab to suit light transport over long distances.

The Brisbane Truck Show will be held from 15 to 18 May at the Royal National Association Showgrounds in Fortitude Valley. DAF's fleet will be displayed, along with Kenworth trucks, at Stand No 1 and 13.

DAF Trucks Australia, a division of PACCAR Australia Pty Ltd, supplies a complete range of medium and heavy-duty trucks throughout Australia. PACCAR Inc, a six sigma company, is a worldwide manufacturer of heavy and medium duty trucks under the Kenworth, Peterbilt, DAF, Leyland and Foden nameplates. It also provides financial services and distributes truck parts related to its principal business.