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**Summary of Presentation**

The concluding presentation of the session was presented by her on “EU directives – Assessing preparedness of the Indian auto component suppliers”. The presentation started with the methodology adopted for conducting the assessment preparedness and details about the questionnaire development followed by the survey results. The key points emerging out of this preparedness assessment study were that the awareness of the auto component industry to the ELV directive was low, the Indian auto industry with the exception of a few auto majors were unaware of the service providers to help them comply, they were skeptical of the cost that they would incur in their efforts to comply, the availability of alternative pollution free technology, lack of skilled man power and that low priority was accorded to the environmental issues by the Indian auto industry. To overcome these hurdles, possible solutions were suggested in the form of interaction between the industry and their associations, alignment of the governmental policies to encourage compliance, assistance for technology transfer, assistance to fund the compliance requirements and increased research and development.