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#### **Summary of Presentation**

Her presentation was on "EU's ELV directive – Issues for the Indian automotive industry." The presentation included a brief overview about the important features of the End-of life vehicle (ELV) directive like its objective, scope, deadlines, reuse & recovery as well as reuse and recycling targets, concentration limits of the four materials of concern like Lead, Cadmium, Mercury and Hexavalent Chromium and the presence of the materials of concern in various parts of the vehicles. In the latter part of the presentation, the general issues as well as the issues related to the ELV directive facing the Indian automotive industry were highlighted to the industry participants in great details. This included restriction of the material of concern to the stipulated levels, designing for easy re-use, recycling and recovery and steps involved in the proactive preparation for compliance with the ELV directive. The concluding part of the presentation focused on the implications of the ELV directive on the Indian suppliers, possible opportunities it presented and what the automotive industry could gain by compliance.