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NEW GEMINI BROADENS GMH SMALL CAR RANGE

GMH has widened and developed its small car range with the release today of the completely new Holden Gemini series.

The new range comprises a 4-door sedan, a 4-door SL sedan and a 2-door SL coupe. The Torana TA has been discontinued.

All models will be powered by a 1584 c.c. overhead cam four cylinder engine. The '1600' engine combines with a four-speed manual transmission.

The Gemini was developed by General Motors and Isuzu Motors of Japan.

Its release in Australia follows two years and over 250,000 kilometres of testing at GMH's Lang Lang Proving Ground and throughout Australia.

Standard equipment for all models includes disc brakes with power assistance on SL models, full foam bucket seats (reclining on SL models) with integral head restraints, column-mounted control stalk, wiper-washer switch and hazard warning flasher.

All models also have floor carpet, power-boosted flow-through ventilation and a trunk luggage capacity of 10.9 cubic feet (0.31 cubic metres).

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The SL models have additional convenience items including front seat console with storage areas, electric clock, push button radio with rear seat speaker, and cigarette lighter -- all as standard equipment.

GMH Managing Director, Mr. Damon Martin said:

"Gemini is a very well appointed little car, whose mechanical design has been modified for Australian conditions.

"It has a very modern engine. Its characteristics are good fuel economy, good torque at low revs, and it's tuned to run on standard petrol. It handles particularly well.

"Gemini buyers also have the security of a dealer service network throughout Australia that is second to none.

"GMH has taken initiatives in the small car market for the past 10 years.

"Our range has been progressively expanded during that time and the Gemini is a logical development of our small car program.

"I am quite certain the Gemini will quickly establish a name for itself in the marketplace.

Mr. Martin said GMH's operations in Queensland, Victoria and South Australia would all benefit from the Gemini program.

"The Gemini is built at GMH's Acacia Ridge (Queensland) plant, with a variety of components manufactured at Fishermen's Bend (Victoria) and Woodville and Elizabeth (South Australia)," he said.

"It will have predominantly Australian content".

The well-proven GMH Tri-matic automatic transmission will be available as an option on all models.

Recommended retail price of the 4-door sedan is \$3,144.00, 4-door SL sedan \$3,356.00, and 2-door SL coupe \$3,416.00. All prices have been approved by the Prices Justification Tribunal.

The Gemini will officially go on display to the public at the Melbourne Motor Show on March 6 and will go on sale throughout Australia on March 7.

Major mechanical and safety features incorporated in all models include :

- * Rack and pinion steering
- * Four coil suspension
- * Dual circuit braking system
- * Dual sensitive inertia reel seat belts
- * Energy absorbing steering column
- * Padded instrument panel dash
- * Toughened windshield and safety glass windows
- * Safety door locks
- * Shatter-proof mirrors

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