

# JLR may cut production in UK on semiconductor shortage

**Aroosa Ahmed**

Mumbai

Tata Motors' British luxury car brand Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) may look at cutting production at its UK factories in Solihull and Halewood, between January and the end of March, because of semiconductor shortage, per a report in *Guardian*.

The carmaker said the semiconductor shortage impacting its production and deliveries had affected the September quarter results of its parent, Tata Motors.

## CHINA LOCKDOWNS

JLR presently has an order book of 2,05,000 units but its operations have been affected by the lockdowns in several cities in China since March.



Further, recently, Thierry Bollore stepped down as CEO, citing personal issues. Bollore had also pointed to the impact on the company of semiconductor and supply chain issues due to the pandemic. However, the company said that a long-term agreement is being finalised for semiconductor supply.

## 'STRONG DEMAND'

"We continue to actively

manage the operational patterns of our manufacturing plants whilst the industry experiences ongoing global semiconductor supply chain disruption. Demand for our vehicles remains strong," a JLR statement said.

## CHIP TIE-UPS

"We expect our performance to continue improving in the second half of the year, as new agreements with semiconductor partners take effect, enabling us to build and deliver more vehicles to our clients," it added.

JLR's volumes were constrained even as the revenue was up 36 per cent year-on-year and 20 per cent quarter-on-quarter at £5.3 billion in the September quarter. The company has reported losses for seven quarters in a row, according to *Bloomberg* data.