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New technical plant manager at Robert Bosch Automotive Steering Kft.

- The tasks of the departing technical plant manager, Paul Klinzing will be taken over by Michael Zink.

Eger/Maklár – A new technical plant manager, Michael Zink will assume operational functions of Robert Bosch Automotive Steering Kft. in Maklár and Eger from July, including the management of production and development activities. Prior to his 2-year assignment in Malaysia, Michael Zink spent 3 years in India, where he was also in charge of production-related tasks. Paul Klinzing, who has been the technical plant manager of Robert Bosch Automotive Steering Kft. for over 3 years will continue his career in the United States of America within the company group. Stefan Basso will remain the commercial plant manager.

The new plant manager graduated as a mechanical engineer with design specialization and as industrial engineer with logistics specialisation in Berlin. Following the completion of his studies, he joined ZF Lenksysteme GmbH in Berlin, where he controlled the production of hydraulic and electro-hydraulic power-steering pumps of passenger cars and commercial vehicles from 2011. He started to work for the Bosch Group from 2014. First he was responsible for production at the Indian location of Robert Bosch Automotive Steering Pvt. Ltd., production technological tasks and comprehensive technical functions. Three years later he was promoted for plant manager in Malaysia.

The new technical manager of the plants in Maklár and Eger views his new tasks positively, however, he is also aware of the difficulties. "Working as the supplier of automotive safety products is always a real challenge. Compared to my previous assignments, the location in Maklár is more complex and will also be continuously expanding." Michael Zink added: "I am pleased to be able to work with an experienced and motivated team."

Since 2014 Robert Bosch Automotive Steering Kft. has been producing traditional, hydraulic steering gears in Eger, and electric steering gears in Maklár. In May

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2015 the serial production of rack and pinion and steering nuts systems for electric steering gears was also launched in the Maklár plant. Currently, over two million steering gears are produced at the two locations on a yearly basis, most of them of the most advanced, environmentally-friendly EPS type.

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Basic information:

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