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Bosch: shaping the transformation of the powertrain

New division pools expertise

- Electromobility is an area of future importance
- Combustion engine remains important part of the mix of different powertrain types
- New Powertrain Solutions division with 88,000 associates
- Bosch is actively shaping the change in mobility, and taking advantage of all its opportunities

Stuttgart, Germany – Bosch estimates that nearly 20 million hybrids and electric vehicles will be produced in 2025. Bosch regards electromobility as an area of future importance. For this reason, the supplier of technology and services is now setting up an operating unit specifically for electromobility. The unit will be part of the new Powertrain Solutions division. From the start of 2018, this will include the company's electromobility activities as well as today's Gasoline Systems and Diesel Systems divisions. In the future, therefore, Bosch will supply existing and new customers with all powertrain technologies from a single source. As well as expanding electromobility, Bosch will work intensively on further improving combustion-engine technology. In addition to the 20 million new hybrids and electric vehicles on the world's roads in 2025, there will be some 85 million new gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles.

"Whether in diesel technology, gasoline technology, or electromobility, Bosch is the number-one engineering and technology partner for automakers. We are strategically well prepared for the shift to electric driving," says Dr. Rolf Bulander, chairman of the Bosch Mobility Solutions business sector and member of the board of management of Robert Bosch GmbH. "Whether fuel or electricity, Bosch will drive the powertrain in the future as well. As it is still unclear which powertrain or which combination of the various types will dominate when, we are taking a two-pronged approach, and continuing to extend our expertise and

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knowledge in both electromobility and combustion engines,” Bulander adds. As the technology and market leader for powertrain, Bosch is playing an active role in shaping the transformation of mobility concepts. In the future, the new Powertrain Solutions division will offer a wide-ranging portfolio of technologies that will make getting from A to B more efficient, economical, and eco-friendly for people around the world.

Heavy investments in innovative powertrain solutions

Each year, Bosch spends several billion euros on further improving powertrain solutions. In the quest to achieve a breakthrough in electromobility alone, the company invests 400 million euros annually. Most of this has gone into battery research and development. Worldwide, Bosch is the only classic automotive supplier researching into both current and future cell technologies. The company has already won more than 30 electromobility-related orders from international automakers. Some 1,800 Bosch experts are working on the electromobility of the future.

Closer to the market and customers

With its new Powertrain Solutions division, Bosch wants to be able to offer its customers powertrain-related support from a single source, and to increasingly offer complete systems solutions in addition to individual components.

“Increasingly, our customers’ requirements are going beyond the combustion engine. This dynamic shift toward electrification will play a leading role in shaping the new division. In this transformation process, we will be there to support our customers with knowledge and technology,” Bulander says.

Strategically speaking, Powertrain Solutions will focus on three core segments: passenger cars and trucks with combustion engines and hybrid powertrains, and electric vehicles. This involves wide-ranging challenges. “We see huge growth potential in electromobility and commercial vehicles. When it comes to passenger cars with combustion engines, our main focus will be on improving efficiency,” Bulander says. Technical innovations will be needed for all powertrain solutions. In the end, only companies which market products that further reduce fuel consumption and emissions will remain competitive over the long term.

Changes in the market

In the years ahead, Bosch will develop all these technologies in parallel. Only in this way will the company be able to react quickly and flexibly to changes in the market, and this across all areas relating to the powertrain. There is currently no doubt that mobility will be electric in the long run. At present, however, it cannot be reliably forecast when and how quickly the change will come, and what form it will take.

Powertrain Solutions will bring together roughly 88,000 associates at more than

60 locations in 25 countries around the world. Even today, associates from Gasoline Systems and Diesel Systems are successfully working together. This collaboration will be intensified in the new division from 2018. Headcount will remain practically unchanged as a result of the reorganization.

The details of the future organization will be worked out in close consultation with the employee representatives. The plan is for the new division and its three units to start operations at the beginning of 2018.

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Basic information:

The Bosch Group is a leading global supplier of technology and services. It employs roughly 390,000 associates worldwide (as of December 31, 2016). According to preliminary figures, the company generated sales of 73.1 billion euros in 2016. Its operations are divided into four business sectors: Mobility Solutions, Industrial Technology, Consumer Goods, and Energy and Building Technology. As a leading IoT company, Bosch offers innovative solutions for smart homes, smart cities, connected mobility, and connected industry. It uses its expertise in sensor technology, software, and services, as well as its own IoT cloud, to offer its customers connected, cross-domain solutions from a single source. The Bosch Group's strategic objective is to create solutions for a connected life, and to improve quality of life worldwide with products and services that are innovative and spark enthusiasm. In short, Bosch creates technology that is "Invented for life." The Bosch Group comprises Robert Bosch GmbH and its roughly 450 subsidiaries and regional companies in some 60 countries. Including sales and service partners, Bosch's global manufacturing, engineering, and sales network covers nearly every country in the world. The basis for the company's future growth is its innovative strength. At 120 locations across the globe, Bosch employs 59,000 associates in research and development.

The company was set up in Stuttgart in 1886 by Robert Bosch (1861-1942) as "Workshop for Precision Mechanics and Electrical Engineering." The special ownership structure of Robert Bosch GmbH guarantees the entrepreneurial freedom of the Bosch Group, making it possible for the company to plan over the long term and to undertake significant up-front investments in the safeguarding of its future. Ninety-two percent of the share capital of Robert Bosch GmbH is held by Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH, a charitable foundation. The majority of voting rights are held by Robert Bosch Industrietreuhand KG, an industrial trust. The entrepreneurial ownership functions are carried out by the trust. The remaining shares are held by the Bosch family and by Robert Bosch GmbH.

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