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Award for economic and educational development in the region

László Fükő, General Manager of the Bosch power tool plant in Miskolc, takes this year's Dr. Szentpáli István Award

- Annual BOKIK honour for outstanding activity in promoting development of the region
- Bosch attaches prime importance to stimulating the regional economy and improving local education

Miskolc – On 11 May, the Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BOKIK) presented the Dr. Szentpáli István Award to László Fükő, General Manager of Robert Bosch Power Tool Kft. Also active as Manufacturing Vice President of the Power Tools, Home and Garden Division and President of the BOKIK North Hungary Automotive Industry Cluster, László Fükő received the honour for his exceptional role in strengthening industry, improving education in the North Hungary region and furthering the interests of the region in general. Upon being presented with the award, Mr Fükő said, “It is a great honour to be added to the list of recipients of the Dr. Szentpáli István Award. It shows that my efforts to boost the prosperity of the region have been fruitful, and gives me the chance to thank the region for everything it has given me in terms of my professional career and human relationships since my childhood in Sajószentpéter.”

BOKIK presents the award every year to a member of the business community with local roots, who in addition to successful professional activity has given outstanding service in public life in the fields of the economy, science, art, education, health care, social care, environmental protection and conservation, sometimes in recognition of a life's work.

László Fükő began his career as a quality engineer in Robert Bosch Elektronika

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Kft. of Hatvan, and when the Bosch Group's Miskolc plant was founded in 2001, he was among the first to register an intention to work in his home country. Among the key tasks he set himself upon taking over the post of General Manager on 1 January 2016 are to integrate Bosch into the local region, further cooperation with local suppliers and strengthen education. When he accepted the duties of President of the BOKIK Automotive Industry Cluster in 2013, he was also motivated by the wish to take an active part in developing the industry of the North Hungary region.

Robert Bosch Power Tool Elektromos Szerszámgyártó Kft. was founded in Miskolc in November 2001 to manufacture and develop power tools. In addition to being a dominant factor in the region, it is the Bosch Group's largest power tool company worldwide. The Miskolc plant is continuously expanding its capacity and developing new products. Now operating on a floor area of more than 38,000 square meters, the power tool plant employs nearly 2400 people.

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Basic information:

Bosch has been present in Hungary since 1898 with its products. The company is this year celebrating the 100th anniversary of the opening of its first Hungarian operation. After its re-establishment as a regional trading company in 1991, Bosch has grown into one of Hungary's largest foreign industrial employers with currently nine Hungarian subsidiaries. In fiscal 2016 it had a total turnover of HUF 1149 billion and sales of the Bosch Group on the Hungarian market – not counting trade among its own companies – was HUF 238 billion. The Bosch Group in Hungary employs more than 14,200 people (as per January 1, 2017). Figures of fiscal 2017 for the Bosch Group in Hungary will be available from May 31, 2018. In addition to its manufacturing, commercial and development business, Bosch has a network of sales and service operations that covers the entire country.

The Bosch Group is a leading global supplier of technology and services. It employs roughly 402,000 associates worldwide (as of December 31, 2017). The company generated sales of 78.1 billion euros in 2017. 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 manufacturing. 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 deliver innovations for a connected life. Bosch improves 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 440 subsidiary and regional companies in 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 125 locations across the globe, Bosch employs some 64,500 associates in research and development.

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