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Foundation stone-laying ceremony: Bosch Engineering Center Budapest to expand further

Automated driving, e-mobility, proving ground

- 37 billion forint investment
- First phase of new complex to open in 2021
- Focus on automated and electrified mobility

Budapest - The foundation stone laying ceremony today marks the start of a new expansion to the Bosch Engineering Center Budapest campus. Planned for completion by 2021, the first phase of building has a budget of 37 billion forints. The event was attended by Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Dr. Klaus-Peter Fouquet, Chairman of Supervisory Board of Robert Bosch Kft., Daniel Korióth, Representative of the Bosch Group in Hungary, and Oliver Schatz, Head of Engineering Center Budapest.

The Engineering Center Budapest has a constantly-rising profile in Bosch's world-scale developments and plays an important role in the development of automated and electrified mobility. It is also one of the foremost research, development and test facilities for automotive electronics in the Bosch Group. Its rapid development and the launch of new-generation development projects have prompted the purchase of a new site beside the present Bosch campus. "The constant expansion of the Engineering Center Budapest and respect it has earned in the industry are down to the expertise and commitment of engineers working in Hungary," Daniel Koroth said at the ceremony. "Our company intends to keep out in front in the creation of future-shaping technologies, and essential to this is the innovative work of my colleagues," Korióth added.

New building complex to serve automotive megatrends

The new section of the Bosch campus will be completed in two phases, on an area of 90,000 square meters. The first phase will result in the main building with

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two towers. It will accommodate creative spaces, a conference hall, a large vehicle workshop and a canteen. Laboratories to be built in the first phase will include a special chamber for testing whole vehicles, with state-of-the-art, highly specialized measurement capabilities. The first section of a staff car park and a technical support building will also feature in the first phase. Another key element will be a 10,000 square meter proving ground for testing ultrasonic-, radar- and camera-based driver assistance systems. On top of its technical sophistication and inspiring working conditions, it will have eye-catching modern architecture, with a green roof and a pedestrian bridge to the campus building that went up five years ago.

Creativity and inspiration: innovative environment for Bosch engineers

The first-phase complex will have space for 1800 associates. “We have a declared intention to continuously increase the number of large scale projects based on our outstanding technical competence,” said Oliver Schatz. “To support creativity and innovation and to enable cross functional cooperation, our new building and office concept incorporates creative spaces, innovation zones and as well quiet and relaxing zones. Besides that we will enhance the technical possibilities in the complex to a new and outstanding level,” Schatz added.

Longstanding presence

Robert Bosch Kft., founded in 1991, is a commercial operation involved in sales and customer service for vehicle parts, vehicle diagnostic equipment, power tools, thermotechnology equipment and security systems. The Bosch European Transport Management Center also operates here. The company has been involved in development since 2000, and following an expansion to the portfolio of the automatic transmission software development division, the Engineering Center Budapest (ECB) was founded in 2005 and now has more than twenty-four departments and more than 2400 employees, making Hungary Bosch’s largest R&D location in Europe after Germany. A wide range of electronic vehicle control systems and mechanical components are under development in the ECB. These include ABS, ESP, air bags, engine management and automated parking systems, electric drive systems and electric motors. Among its areas of development are dashboards and driver assistance systems, which are paving the way towards automated cars. All phases of the work are conducted in the ECB, including system and algorithm development, electrical and mechanical design, simulation, and reliability checks and tests.

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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 2017 it had a total turnover of HUF 1304 billion and sales of the Bosch Group on the Hungarian market – not counting trade among its own companies – was HUF 244 billion. The Bosch Group in Hungary employs roughly 13,500 people (as per January 1, 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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