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Faurecia and MAHLE to collaborate on technologies for thermal management of the Cockpit of the Future

October 10th 2017, Stuttgart/Paris – MAHLE and Faurecia, both leading global automotive systems suppliers, will collaborate for the development of innovative interior thermal management technologies for future mobility solutions.

Within the framework of this cooperation, Faurecia will bring its unique expertise as a full interior system integrator. MAHLE adds its holistic thermal expertise for passenger comfort and energy efficiency.

The two companies have already identified several potential collaboration fields addressing topics such as air distribution, air conditioning integration solutions for electric vehicles and the mutual development of personalized thermal management for the cockpit of the future.

Patrick Koller, Chief Executive Officer of Faurecia: *“This partnership will mark another important step for Faurecia in the development of an innovation ecosystem for the Cockpit of the Future. It follows on from the partnership with ZF announced earlier this year for advanced safety solutions. Our industry is undergoing a major transformation and such alliances will allow us to rapidly bring to market new solutions. Our strong combined expertise and customer intimacy will enable us to provide a unique technology offer ensuring the thermal management of vehicle occupants in various driving use cases.”*

Wolf-Henning Scheider, Chairman of the MAHLE Management Board and CEO: *“Thermal management is one of the significant enablers of future mobility concepts. MAHLE thermoelectric technologies will enable completely new solutions for interior thermal comfort. Within new e-Mobility vehicles the efficiency of air conditioning systems and new packaging solutions will play an important role to enable higher driving ranges and new opportunities for the arrangement within the cabin interior. With the combined innovations in this partnership, we will drive the unique technologies for the automotive megatrends of e-Mobility together.”*

With new occupant positions in the autonomous car and additional comfort features being added into the interior, innovative thermal management solutions will be required to ensure occupant comfort in all positions. In addition, the rapid increase in the number of full electric vehicle platforms will require the development of smart cabin thermal management solutions with optimized energy consumption and packaging.

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About MAHLE

MAHLE is a leading international development partner and supplier to the automotive industry as well as a pioneer for the mobility of the future. The MAHLE Group is committed to making transportation more efficient, more environmentally friendly, and more comfortable by continuously optimizing the combustion engine, driving forward the use of alternative fuels, and laying the foundation for the worldwide introduction of e-mobility. The group's product portfolio addresses all the crucial issues relating to the powertrain and air conditioning technology—both for drives with combustion engines and for e-mobility. MAHLE products are fitted in at least every second vehicle worldwide. Components and systems from MAHLE are also used off the road—in stationary applications, for mobile machinery, rail transport, as well as marine applications.

In 2016, the group generated sales of approximately EUR 12.3 billion with about 77,000 employees and is represented in 34 countries with 170 production locations. At 15 major development centers in Germany, Great Britain, Luxembourg, Spain, Slovenia, the USA, Brazil, Japan, China, and India, 6,000 development engineers and technicians are working on innovative solutions for the mobility of the future.

About Faurecia

Founded in 1997, Faurecia has grown to become a leading player in the global automotive industry. The Group focuses its technology strategy on development of Sustainable Mobility solutions for improved fuel economy and air quality, as well as Smart Life On Board technologies for the cockpit of the future. To meet the mobility challenges, Faurecia is accelerating its innovation to meet the changing needs of its customers and is rapidly expanding its innovation ecosystem through partnerships, acquisitions and investment in start-ups.

With 330 sites including 30 R&D centers, 100 000 employees in 34 countries, Faurecia is now a global leader in its three areas of business: automotive seating, interior systems and clean mobility. In 2016, the Group posted total sales of €18.7 billion. Faurecia is listed on the NYSE Euronext Paris stock exchange and trades in the U.S. over-the-counter (OTC) market.

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