Ford World Excellence Award for three Brose plants

The Ford Motor Company has given its World Excellence Award to three Brose production facilities awarding the outstanding performance regarding quality, cost-effectiveness and delivery (f.l.t.r.): Derrick Kuzak, Group Vice President Global Product Development Ford Motor Company; Tony Brown, Group Vice President Global Purchasing Ford Motor Company; Jan Kowal, President Brose North America and Alan Mulally President and Chief Executive Officer Ford Motor Company.

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Three Brose plants have received the Ford World Excellence Award from the Ford Motor Company: Hallstadt and Sta. Margarida were awarded gold, Saarwelling silver. The World Excellence Award is the automaker's highest recognition for suppliers and Ford's way of expressing their appreciation for outstanding performance regarding quality, cost-effectiveness and delivery. This is the fourth time in a row that Brose has received the award.

Only two of the 42 suppliers honored in Detroit have won the award three times – the Brose Group is one of them. "The fact that several of our plants have repeatedly won this award shows that Brose is indeed a recognized partner," Jan Kowal, President Brose North America, commented happily, on accepting the award in Dearborn (Michigan) on behalf of the three European plants. "The recognition of our performance and efforts, especially in such difficult times as those prevailing in 2009, makes us proud and confirms that we are on the right track."

Alan Mullaly, CEO of the Ford Motor Company, thanked all winners for their commitment to pursuing the highest standards in performance to serve customers worldwide. Tony Brown, Group Vice President Global Purchasing, emphasized: "You play an important part

in our being able to achieve our ‘ONE Ford’ goal. Without your contribution, it would not be impossible."

The plants in Saarwelling and Sta. Margarida received the "World Excellence Award" for the fourth time in a row and it was the second time that the plant in Hallstadt had been honored. Over the last four years, Brose has received a total of 11 awards for excellent performance in development, production and quality.

At present, Brose supplies the Ford Group with window regulators, door, seat and closure systems as well as electronics, electric motors, drive train actuators, drives for HVAC blowers and cooling fan modules for 52 vehicles of the Ford, Lincoln, Mazda, Mercury and Volvo brands from 29 plants in Europe and overseas.