

Three Brose plants receive the Ford World Excellence Award

Detroit (08. July 2009) The Ford Motor Company has given its silver World Excellence Award to three Brose production facilities - Hallstadt, Saarwellingen and Sta. Margarida - in recognition of their excellent achievements". By awarding this trophy, Ford wishes to honor the exceptional level of quality, delivery and cost performance of its suppliers. The World Excellent Award is Ford's highest supplier recognition. This is the third time in a row that Brose has received the award.

There were only two companies out of the 36 suppliers honored in Detroit to have won the award three times – and one of them was the Brose Group. The fact that several of our plants have repeatedly won this award goes to show that Brose is indeed a competent partner. Especially in these difficult times, this recognition of our superior quality and reliability confirms that we are on the right track," says a delighted Jürgen Otto, CEO of the Brose Group. We must never relax our efforts to deliver a top performance to our customers at all times wherever they are in the world."

Jürgen Otto accepted the award in Detroit from Tony Brown, Group Vice President Global Purchasing Ford Motor Company. You are part of the Ford Team and your contribution goes a long way toward helping us achieve our goal – congratulations," said Brown, whilst extending his thanks to the prize winners.

The Brose plants in Saarwellingen and Sta. Margarida had already received the World Excellence Award in 2006 and 2007. This was the first time the Hallstadt plant had been awarded the honor.

Brose currently supplies the Ford Group with window regulators, door systems, seat adjusters, closures systems, electronics and electric motors from 29 plants in Europe and overseas. These products are destined for use in 47 vehicle models of Ford, Lincoln, Mazda, Mercury and Volvo.