

## Top quality at three Brose plants honored by Ford Motor Company

Award for top quality, supply reliability and cost effectiveness for three Brose plants in Germany, Spain and the USA: from l. to r. Alan Mulally, President and Chief Executive Officer Ford Motor Company, Jan Kowal, President Brose North America and Tony Brown, Group Vice President, Global Purchasing Ford Motor Company.

Saarwellingen/ Sta. Margarida/ Chicago (14. May 2008).

Ford Motor Company has awarded three plants of the Brose Group in Saarwellingen/ Germany, Sta. Margarida/Spain and Chicago/USA, which supply door systems, the highest prize a supplier can receive from the American carmaker: the "Ford World Excellence Award". Ford honors supplier facilities which achieve the highest levels of cost, quality and delivery. Brose was the only company out of the 47 suppliers honored in total to have three plants up among the facilities recognized.

"These awards are a testament to our longstanding and successful partnership with Ford," said Jan Kowal, President of Brose North America, on accepting the prize in Dearborn/ Michigan.

"We are honored to receive these prestigious distinctions, inspiring us to continue to deliver a top performance, thus satisfying our customers in all areas of the company. And we are proud of the dedication of our employees in development and customer teams as well as the plants engaged in the development and production of consistently high-quality products," continued Kowal.

Ford recently presented the 10th Annual "World Excellence Award". "We have honored world-class suppliers for extraordinary contributions that directly impact Ford's ability to deliver high quality vehicles and customer satisfaction," said Tony Brown, Group Vice President, Global Purchasing Ford Motor Company.

"This commitment to excellence is coming through in the latest quality data, which show Ford's initial quality in North America is now equal to the best in the industry. These successes belong not just to Ford – but our suppliers as well," Brown added.

Last year, the Brose plants in Saarwellingen and Sta Margarida/Spain already received the World Excellence Award in Silver. In 2007, they were able to improve their performance even further and subsequently won the Gold Award this year; the plant in Chicago/USA earned the silver award.

Brose supplies the Ford Group from 18 production facilities in Europe and overseas with window regulators, door systems, seat adjusters, closure systems as well as electronics and electric motors for 38 vehicle brands of Ford, Lincoln, Mazda, Mercury and Volvo.