

## Brose Sindelfingen named Factory of the year 2010 for outstanding quality management



### **Sindelfingen (21. October 2010)**

The Brose plant in Sindelfingen is among the winners of the toughest benchmarking competition between industrial manufacturing companies in Germany: The just-in-sequence production facility for door systems was named "Factory of the Year 2010" in the category "outstanding quality management". The decisive factors, according to the jury, were the plant's exemplary improvements in quality that involved every employee and the consistent use of automated inspections.

The "Factory of the year" award competition was initiated in 1992 by A.T. Kearney management consulting and "Produktion" magazine. It recognizes manufacturing companies that meet high benchmark standards in terms of economic efficiency, agility, quality, innovation, value creation and customer satisfaction in a special way and demonstrate outstanding three-year development.

"This extraordinary acknowledgment of our performance is a motivation for us never to relax our efforts to deliver the highest quality on a long term basis. I am proud of our employees' incredible commitment and sincerely thank everyone involved," says a pleased Jan Francke, General Manager Brose. As a technology leader, Francke further stresses, the Brose group is not

only concerned with the permanent advancement of its products, but must also continually monitor and improve internal processes and workflows.

This is the fourth time that a Brose site has received this exceptional honor: In 1997, our Coburg plant was named "Factory of the Year" for excellence in customer service. In 1999, the award was presented to the Brose door systems plant in Meerane/Saxony in the

Resource Management category. One year later the same plant was named Factory of the Year winning all categories.

**Brose in Sindelfingen**

With around 200 employees, Brose Sindelfingen produces door systems for the Mercedes S, C and E class in more than 650 variants in sequence with the vehicle assembly. Best practice solutions gathered in ten years of just-in- sequence production and delivery have turned this production facility into one of the Brose Group's most efficient door system plants worldwide, focusing on customer orientation and process innovation.