



Expansion of production in Asia Pacific **Bosch Automotive Aftermarket opens new plant in Nanjing, China**

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- ▶ Total investment of some 120 million euros
- ▶ Production of spark plugs, brake pads, and testing equipment
- ▶ Research and development center for Asia Pacific markets

Nanjing, China – The Bosch Automotive Aftermarket division has invested some 120 million euros in new facilities in Nanjing, China. In the future, the plant will manufacture spark plugs, brake pads, and testing equipment for workshops – predominantly for customers in Asia Pacific. In addition, the location will serve as a research and development center. “The new plant is the biggest investment we have ever made in expanding our production capacity anywhere in the world,” said Robert Hanser, president of the Automotive Aftermarket division, Robert Bosch GmbH, at the plant’s official opening on March 20. “This is a clear demonstration of the importance we attach to Asia Pacific’s high-growth markets, and above all to China.” He went on to say that this additional production capacity would put Bosch in a position to meet the needs of workshop customers in the region more quickly and flexibly.

Bosch’s proven production processes ensure high product quality

When it reaches planned capacity in 2015, the new plant will be able to produce some 125 million spark plugs per year to Bosch’s high quality standards. Annual production capacity for brake pads will be 80 million units, while some 25,000 testing systems will also be produced each year for workshops in the region. State-of-the-art manufacturing techniques and Bosch’s production processes will ensure that product quality at the new plant is just as high as at all the group’s other production facilities around the world. Over 2,000 people are already working at the Nanjing plant, and the workforce is set to total some 3,500 Bosch associates by 2015. In addition, the new research and development center will feature a team of over

100 engineers working to develop safe, efficient, and practical solutions for Bosch's workshop customers in Asia Pacific.

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The Automotive Aftermarket division (AA) provides the aftermarket and repair shops worldwide with a complete range of diagnostic and repair shop equipment and a wide range of spare parts – from new and exchange parts to repair solutions – for passenger cars and commercial vehicles. Its product portfolio includes products made as Bosch original equipment, as well as aftermarket products and services developed and manufactured in-house. More than 17,000 associates in 150 countries, as well as a global logistics network, ensure that some 650,000 different spare parts reach customers quickly and on time. In its "Automotive Service Solutions" operations, AA supplies testing and repair-shop technology, diagnostic software, service training, and information services. In addition, the division is responsible for the "Bosch Service" repair-shop franchise, one of the world's largest independent chains of repair-shops, with some 16,000 franchises. In addition, AA is responsible for more than 600 "AutoCrew" partners.

Additional information can be accessed at www.bosch-automotive.com.

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