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Mr Arnaud de David- Beauregard takes over as the new CLEPA President

At its General assembly in Madrid CLEPA appointed Mr Arnaud de DAVID-BEAUREGARD, Vice-President, Operating Officer of FIEV, as the new CLEPA President starting functions on 1 January 2014.

"I look forward to tackling the challenges ahead, be they urbanization and demographic change, environmental protection or trade competition, while enhancing cooperation with our partners throughout the world. Strengthening the competitive edge of the European automotive suppliers industry is my main priority", said Arnaud de David-Beauregard, CLEPA President.



Arnaud de David-Beauregard has spent his whole career in the automotive industry.

He was a member of the Management Board of PSA, in charge of the Mechanical Activity and Services division of Peugeot SA until 1998. After being appointed member of the Executive Committee of Faurecia, he became Executive Vice-President, Group Development, from 2000 until 2010. He is holding the position of Vice-President, Operating officer of FIEV (French automotive component industries association) since May 2010 and has been a member of the Steering Committee of CLEPA since December 2012.

In spite of the crisis the automotive supply industry remains one of Europe's largest employer and leader in innovation. The automotive suppliers collectively employ five million people in Europe making it a major creator of wealth.

"We are delighted to welcome our new President. I am confident that with his background in automotive operations and national associations, Arnaud will further build on the solid track record of Mr Peter Tyroller, Member of the Board Management of Robert Bosch, who was at the helm of the European Association of Automotive Suppliers for four years", said Jean Marc Gales, CLEPA CEO.

Note to Editors: CLEPA is the European Association of Automotive Suppliers. 109 of the world's most prominent suppliers for car parts, systems and modules and 25 National trade associations and European sector associations are members of CLEPA, representing more than 3 thousand companies, employing more than 5 million people and covering all products and services within the automotive supply chain. Based in Brussels, Belgium, CLEPA is recognized as the natural discussion partner by the European Institutions, United Nations and fellow associations (ACEA, JAMA, MEMA, etc).

Facts about the European automotive industry

- Some **12 million** people are employed in the European automotive industry
- European automotive suppliers employs directly **5 million** people
- European automotive suppliers invest **€18bn** in RDI per year. They are one of the biggest private investors into research and innovation
- Per year, **16 million** vehicles are manufactured in Europe, contributing to the stability and growth of the European economy