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Excellence Awards recognise successful automotive suppliers

Yesterday evening, in Brussels, CLEPA celebrated the excellence of the European automotive suppliers at the gala ceremony of the 2014 “Dinner for Winner”.

This unique event, with guests including CEOs of the automotive supply industry and representatives of the European Commission, is jointly organized by CLEPA, AUTOMOBIL PRODUKTION and VDA.

“Innovation is the key driver of automotive suppliers. Higher expectations around safety, environmental performance, and fuel efficiency are the essence of research and business in our industry. Our awards honour the best and brightest in our industry committed to delivering ever greener, safer and connected vehicles”, said Mr Arnaud de David-Beauregard, CLEPA President.

The awards presented by a jury composed of CEOs and Presidents of national associations consist of two categories: the first one results from the Top 100 Automotive Suppliers Global Ranking, with specific mention for Global Number 1, Biggest Sales Growth/Fastest Riser and Best Newcomer; the second category gathers together the most innovative companies in terms of “green, safe and connected” products (see list attached).

Among the nominees were SMEs as well as large businesses, reflecting the importance of all partners in the automotive supply chain.

“We should be particularly proud of these companies that today demonstrate Europe’s technological leadership in increasingly competitive world markets. These awards are particularly important considering that, despite challenging time, automotive suppliers are investing in innovative and added value products”, declared Mr Paul Schockmel, CLEPA CEO.

European automotive suppliers are global leaders in innovation, due to their annual investment of €18 billion in Research and Development for a greener, safer and more connected future. For years, European suppliers have been registering a large number of patents for innovations in emissions and safety. 80% of value added in a car is provided by automotive suppliers.

“The EU needs to adapt and consistently implement a supportive and enabling regulatory framework that helps maintain and develop the technological leadership of the European Automotive Industry. We absolutely need to keep high-level research and manufacturing in Europe. The EU funds currently allocated to road transport are insufficient to guarantee this”, stressed Mr de David-Beauregard, CLEPA President.

The success of the event is a boost for the image and business success of the European automotive supply industry and will help to attract investment and young talents to the sector. A skilled and dynamic workforce is an absolute necessity for our industries to innovate, develop and manufacture new technologies.

“I am pleased to see this event coming of age. The number of candidates has doubled proving a growing interest from the sector. I would like to congratulate the winners, and express my appreciation to our partners AUTOMOBIL PRODUKTION and VDA for their valuable input. My special thanks go to all CLEPA members whose participation made the event possible. It is time now to look forward to next year’s edition”, concluded Mr Paul Schockmel, CEO CLEPA.

Note to Editors

CLEPA is the European Association of Automotive Suppliers.

113 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 the biggest private investor into research and innovation
- Per year, **18 million** vehicles are manufactured in Europe, contributing to the stability and growth of the European economy

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2014 Top 100 Automotive Suppliers Global Ranking

Global Number 1: Continental

Biggest Sales Growth / Fastest Riser:

1. Dräxлмаier
2. Weichai Power
3. Mahle

Best Newcomer:

1. Nexteer
2. Autoneum

2014 Innovation Awards

GREEN

Ex aequo Number 1

Faurecia Interior Systems - NAFILean: first serial application of injected natural fibers reinforced polypropylene resin

Johnson Controls - CAMISMA: Carbon Amid Metal based Interior Structure using Multi Material System Approach

Number 2

GKN Driveline - Two-speed e-transmission for electric and hybrid applications

Number 3

Honeywell Turbo Technologies - Monoblock turbocharger wastegate for 3-cylinder engine

SAFE

Number 1

ArcelorMittal Tailored Blanks - Hot Stamped One Piece Door Ring

Ex aequo Number 2

Continental - MiniMAB Anti-Lock Brake System for motorcycles & scooters

Robert Bosch - Motor Cycle Stability Control

Number 3

CASUALPLAY - Q-RETRAKTOR FIX automatic child seat harness system

CONNECTED

Number 1

Visteon Electronics - Fusion: integration of driver information, infotainment & cloud connectivity through seamless HMI

Number 2

Texa - TMD MK3, a multi-brand product for fleet management and telemobility

Number 3

TomTom - TOM2 Traffic: traffic service independent of map & software provider