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PRESS RELEASE

CLEPA announces appointment of new CEO



Paul Schockmel, CEO, CLEPA

Brussels, 10th July - Mr Arnaud de David-Beauregard, CLEPA President, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Paul Schockmel, 52, as the new Chief Executive Officer of the European Automotive Suppliers' Association. A native of Luxembourg, he will assume responsibilities on 25 August succeeding Mr Jean Marc Gales, who stepped down at the end of April 2014.

Announcing the appointment, Mr de David-Beauregard said *"Mr Schockmel brings a great combination of strategic, operational and public policy experience, I am very confident that he will provide strong leadership at the helm of the CLEPA Brussels Office, and help us even better serve the needs and promote the interests of our members, as well as the entire European automotive industry."*

Prior to assuming this position, Mr Schockmel was the Vice-President Corporate Strategy and Marketing at IEE S.A. in Luxembourg. During a 20-year professional career spent in the automotive industry, Mr Schockmel has gained a wealth of executive experience in the areas of corporate and business development, innovation management, communications, and public affairs. Among other professional activities, Mr Schockmel previously held the position of President of the Luxembourg Automotive Components Supplier Cluster and, since 2012, has been a Member of the CLEPA Board of Directors.

"I am proud and excited to take up this new challenge. Through the outstanding commitment of its corporate and national members, Clepa will be in a strong position to develop highly-efficient and sustainable mobility solutions", stated Mr Schockmel.

Note to Editors

CLEPA is the European Association of Automotive Suppliers. 112 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

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