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## **CLEPA welcomes the 100<sup>th</sup> new corporate member**



**Jean Marc Gales CEO, CLEPA Roger J. Wood President and CEO, DANA**

Today CLEPA is proud to announce its 100<sup>th</sup> corporate member, DANA Holding Corporation.

Since spring 2012 CLEPA has defied the global economic crisis by adding in a rapid pace **15** new organisations to its membership. A diverse range of innovative companies have joined the Brussels based association, bringing new expertise and knowledge together under one roof.

*“That DANA joined CLEPA as the 100<sup>th</sup> member makes us proud. It demonstrates that our corporate members appreciate the services and the sound technical expertise of CLEPA in the areas of environment, legal affairs, trade policy, market trends, European funding, skills development, warranty and aftermarket. We continue to represent the interests of the European automotive industry and develop further services to create value for our members”* said Jean-Marc Gales, CLEPA CEO.

*“For more than 50 years, CLEPA has served as a strategic voice for strengthening the automotive industry’s position in the European and global economies”* said Roger J. Wood, Dana President and Chief Executive Officer. *“Joining CLEPA will enable Dana to share experiences with others in this exciting industry and support the mutual goal of investment in innovation and the creation of sound economic growth.”*



**C L E P A**  
*European Association of  
Automotive Suppliers*

Membership numbers have steadily grown highlighting the fact that the automotive industry is claiming a position on the international political stage on par with its leading role in the economy. The arrival of the American Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) and the Association of European Automotive and Industrial Battery Manufacturers (Eurobat) as Associate CLEPA members is another milestone in this direction.

Being CLEPA member demonstrates that the company **is clearly committed to**

1. Join forces to better face globalization challenges
2. Shape the European legislation affecting our business
3. Invest in innovation through European RDI projects
4. Contribute to the technical regulation work done at UNECE level
5. Participate in the European aftermarket initiatives

The challenges ahead for the automotive industry are numerous ranging from electrification and protectionism to overcapacity and demographic change. In spite of the crisis the automotive suppliers industry remains one of the largest employer and leader in innovation. The automotive suppliers collectively employ 5 million people in Europe making it a leading creator of wealth on our continent.

“CLEPA membership helps your company to better achieve its objectives in an ever faster changing environment” concluded Mr Gales.

#### **Note to Editors**

**CLEPA is the European Association of Automotive Suppliers.**

**100 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, CLEPA is recognized as the natural discussion partner by the European Institutions, United Nations and fellow associations (ACEA, JAMA, MEMA, etc).

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