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Schaeffler Group Supplier of the Years 2006/2007
Outstanding Achievements from our Top Suppliers

The 50 companies that were invited to the Schaeffler Group's Supplier Conference and nominated for our Supplier of the Year award are all top performers with regard to quality, delivery reliability, innovation, willingness for globalization and costs that meet market requirements. The best suppliers were presented with the "Supplier of the Years 2006/2007" award during a special ceremony.

Baumann Federn AG from Rüti, Switzerland not only had zero-defect supply during the last year. The company is also exemplary when it comes to development expertise and delivery performance.

Wienstroth Wärmebehandlungstechnik GmbH from Goch, Germany demonstrated that it is a reliable partner in furnaces during the last few years. In joint projects all around the world, the company always found practical solutions and was always ready to meet the Schaeffler Group's requirements despite being under significant pressure.

Gühring oHG from Albstadt, Germany manufactures sophisticated tooling systems for machining and has been working with Schaeffler for more than 50 years. The company not only has an outstanding record in terms of quality, costs, and delivery performance, but also in terms of process reliability. In addition, the company has consistently opened subsidiaries in Eastern Europe and ensures a constant supply of tooling to the Schaeffler plants there.

FESTO AG from Esslingen, Germany supplies pneumatic cylinders, valves, valve clusters and maintenance units. Schaeffler values FESTO's continuing contribution to reducing costs by means of technical innovations and its global presence. Excellent delivery performance and low complaint rates round out the company's profile.

MIBA Sinter Austria GmbH from Laakirchen in Austria supplies high-precision components manufactured using powder-metallurgic processes that are used in camshaft phasing units. The award is based on the company's service in consultation and development, the main focus of which is optimizing quality and costs. This is in addition to high product quality with zero defects in all deliveries during 2007. MIBA set up its own plant in China in good time to supply our camshaft phasing unit manufacturing facility locally.

Camillo Krejci Polymertechnik GmbH from Getzersdorf in Austria has been supplying Schaeffler for 44 years and has already been awarded Supplier of the Year in 1994 and 2001. This is testament to the

constant level of high quality provided for several years. Krejci plastic cages are used at several European locations and in plants in Canada and Brazil. Krejci supplies Schaeffler with around 25 million cages annually. There were no complaints in 2007.

COMPA IT from Sibiu in Romania delivers constant high performance throughout the entire supply chain. This begins with sampling of new components, a high level of flexibility when changes are required, and ends with products supplied at near zero-defect level. There was only one single complaint among 40 million compression springs supplied during 2007. COMPA supplies Schaeffler with a wide range of stamped and bent parts for radial insert ball bearing manufacturing in Slovakia and compression springs for the automotive sector.

HUSCO International from Wisconsin, USA is considered as one of the technology leaders in electromagnets and valves. HUSCO supplies its advanced products at an excellent level of quality which is very close to zero-defect levels. In terms of delivery reliability, HUSCO also fulfills our high expectations. Since the company has production locations in Europe and Asia it can also serve the Schaeffler Group's requirement on a local level.

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Partner Maria-Elisabeth Schaeffler (center), Dr. Juergen M. Geissinger, President and CEO (4th from left) and Dr. Gerhard Schuff, Senior Vice President Schaeffler Purchasing (6th from left), with the winners of the Schaeffler Group "Supplier of the Years 2006/2007" award.

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