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E**MAHLE honored with Volvo Supplier Award for Innovation and Fuel Efficiency**

Stuttgart, February 2016 – The Volvo Group has presented MAHLE with the 2016 Supplier Award in the category of “Innovation and Fuel Efficiency.” This is the manufacturer’s recognition for MAHLE’s innovative strength and systems expertise in commercial vehicles.

Volvo highlighted the MAHLE Monoweld<sup>®</sup> steel piston—the essential element in the power cell unit (PCU)—as an example of permanent contribution toward fuel efficiency. This two-piece, friction-welded piston, which has been used at Volvo since the launch of EURO VI engines, is perfectly tuned for interaction with the other components in the PCU supplied by MAHLE as a complete system. MAHLE uses this holistic systems approach as an essential lever to achieve further gains in fuel efficiency.

MAHLE has also continuously proven its expertise in the powertrain and the complete vehicle over many years. For commercial vehicles from the Volvo Group bearing the names Volvo (Trucks), Renault Trucks, Mack, and UD, MAHLE supplies air conditioning systems, engine cooling systems, and cylinder head cover systems with integrated oil mist separation, in addition to the PCU.

**The Volvo Group Purchasing Supplier Awards**

This year, Volvo recognized a total of eleven suppliers in six different categories that represent the strategic goals of the Volvo Group. The awards were presented at a celebration in Gothenburg/Sweden on February 23, 2016.

**About MAHLE**

MAHLE is a leading international supplier to the automotive industry. With its products for combustion engines and their peripherals as well as solutions for electric vehicles, the group addresses all the crucial issues related to the powertrain and air conditioning technology—from engine systems and components to filtration to thermal management. MAHLE products are fitted in every second vehicle worldwide. MAHLE components and systems are also used off the road—in stationary applications, for mobile machinery, as well in railroad, marine, and aerospace applications.

In 2015, the group employed around 75,000 people (as at 12/31/2015) and reported preliminary sales of EUR 11.5 billion. Today, MAHLE is represented in over 30 countries with 170 production locations. At 15 major development locations in Germany, Great Britain, Luxembourg, Slovenia, the USA, Brazil, Japan, China, and India, more than 5,000 development engineers and technicians are working on innovative solutions.

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