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Plant opens for electric air conditioning compressors: MAHLE strengthens its systems competence in electric vehicles

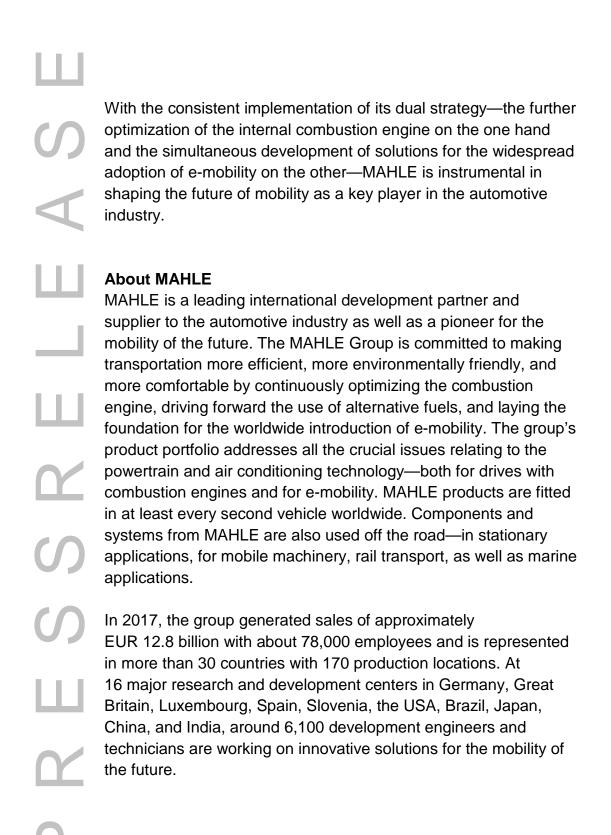
- First MAHLE production line for e-compressors
- Electric compressors remove the link between air conditioning systems and combustion engines
- Several customer projects have already been won

Stuttgart, October 31, 2018 – MAHLE has opened its first production plant for electric compressors. MAHLE will manufacture e-compressors for international automobile manufacturers at the production location in Balassagyarmat/Hungary and has already obtained several customer projects. Series production will start in 2019.

Compressors are the heart of air conditioning systems—and the e-compressor will remove the link between air conditioning systems and combustion engines. Its role in the air conditioning of electric vehicles is therefore critical. "Electric compressors are of major strategic importance to MAHLE, because they enable us to build on our position as a complete systems provider in the field of air conditioning for electric vehicles too," explains Dr. Jörg Stratmann, Chairman of the Management Board and CEO of the MAHLE Group. MAHLE also develops and produces the necessary electric drives as well as electronics and software.

The plant in Balassagyarmat will be particularly important when it comes to production rollout. "This location will help to further strengthen our existing market position," adds Bernd Eckl, Member of the Management Board of the MAHLE Group and responsible for the Thermal Management business unit. At the same time, the opening of the production plant is a green light for the additional e-compressor production locations that will follow.







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