



HELLA opens new development centre in Romania

- **New building in Craiova offers state-of-the-art working conditions for the development of innovative software and electronics solutions**
- **Automotive supplier plans to create up to 250 additional jobs at the Craiova site over the next few years**

Lippstadt/Craiova, 10 March 2021. The internationally positioned automotive supplier HELLA is further expanding its software and electronics activities. For example, a new test and development centre was opened at the Craiova site in Romania. With this step, HELLA is creating space for further expansion. The company currently employs around 350 people in Craiova. Its main focus is on the development of control units and software. These competencies are to be further expanded and supplemented by others. To this end, HELLA plans to create around 250 additional jobs in Craiova over the next few years.

On the occasion of the opening of the new location, Björn Twiehaus, who is jointly responsible for the Electronics division on the HELLA Management Board, says: "Sophisticated software and automotive electronics are indispensable drivers of mobility already today. They will continue to gain in importance in the future and will undoubtedly become decisive key factors. Against this background, we are pleased to open our new Technology Centre in Craiova. With this step, we are strengthening the role of the Craiova site in the global HELLA network and are further expanding our development resources at the same time."

"With the new building, we have created an important prerequisite for being able to serve the increasing demand for innovative software and electronics solutions even better and to continue on our growth path," says Nicolae Neagu, Head of the HELLA Technical Centre Craiova. "Most importantly, we now also have a state-of-the-art and inspiring work environment to motivate more skilled individuals to join HELLA and work together to drive solutions for the mobility of tomorrow."

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With a total floor space of over 6,400 square meters, the new building on the premises of Electroputere Parc in Craiova offers approximately twice as much space as the previous premises. In addition to an attractive working environment with open office concepts and twelve meeting rooms, the new building also has a state-of-the-art test laboratory and an underground car park for test vehicles.

HELLA started doing business in Craiova in 2007. Since then, the location has developed into an important pillar in the global HELLA network. The company employs more than 4,200 people in Romania at seven locations in Timisoara, Arad, Lugoj and Craiova.

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