



New HELLA development centre to open in Sindelfingen

- **Inauguration scheduled for February 2017**
- **The set-up of a development centre for innovative lighting solutions in Sindelfingen will strengthen HELLA's presence in southern Germany**

Lippstadt/Sindelfingen, 09 December 2016. HELLA KGaA Hueck & Co., a leading global supplier of lighting and electronics to the automotive industry, has decided on the location of a new development centre for automotive lighting technology in southern Germany. The facility will be established in Sindelfingen, about 20 kilometres outside of Stuttgart. The new development centre will complement the existing capabilities at the Lippstadt headquarters and respond to the growing demand for innovative lighting solutions and the strong presence of the automotive industry in southern Germany. The inauguration is scheduled for February 2017.

During the initial expansion phase, the development centre will be operated with an about 25-strong team in Sindelfingen; perspective, staff numbers are set to increase to more than 100 over the coming years. HELLA produces headlamps, rear lamps, signal lights, interior lights and components for lighting electronics in its business division Lighting. In addition to its worldwide centre for lighting technology development at its headquarters in Lippstadt, HELLA also operates additional development centres in China, India, the U.S., Mexico, Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic. Consolidated sales in this division was over EUR 2.7 billion in fiscal year 2015/2016, which makes HELLA one of the leading global suppliers of automotive lighting technologies.

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Complete vehicle modules, air-conditioning systems, and vehicle electrical systems are also produced in joint venture companies. With more than 6,000 people working in research and development, HELLA is one of the most important innovation drivers on the market. In addition, with sales of EUR 6.4 billion in fiscal year 2015/2016, the HELLA Group is one of the top 40 automotive suppliers in the world and one of the 100 largest German industrial companies.

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