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HELLA further expanding presence in USA

- Automotive supplier opens a new administrative and technical center in Northville, Michigan, in early 2019
- New location reinforces growth path in the North American market

Lippstadt/Plymouth, December 18, 2017. The lighting and electronics expert HELLA reinforces its presence in the USA. The automotive supplier will open a new administrative and technical center in Northville, Michigan, at the begin of 2019. The new site will replace the already existing location in Plymouth five kilometers away. At the location, HELLA is developing electronics products and lighting technology solutions. The location also houses company functions, such as Purchasing, Sales, Information Management as well as Finance and Controlling for the North America region. Within the next two years, the number of employees there is scheduled to expand from currently 350 to approximately 400. HELLA is currently employing some 800 employees at four locations in the USA.

"With the new location, we will create an important foundation for further pursuing our growth path in the North American market", says Steve Lietaert, President of HELLA Corporate Center USA. "We will on the one hand have more space for required additional resources while also being able to further optimize the work environment for our employees." On a floor space of some 11,000 square meters, the new location will implement a flexible and open office concept with modern office equipment, project rooms, meeting areas, lounge and cafeteria sections as well as fitness activities for employees. Official groundbreaking for the new administrative and technical center was in early November 2017.

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