

**MAHLE plus Cosworth Technology
equals MAHLE Powertrain**

The benefits of this equation are obvious: First, it does not contain any unknowns; secondly, it adds up.

By acquiring the Cosworth Technology Group in January of this year, the Stuttgart automotive supplier MAHLE took another important step in the direction of becoming a systems supplier. MAHLE – worldwide leading development partner of the automotive and engine industry – possesses systems expertise in the areas of internal combustion engines and engine peripherals for Piston Systems, Cylinder Components, Valve Train Systems, Air Management Systems and Liquid Management Systems.

Cosworth Technology was acquired by AUDI AG in 1998. The high-tech engine manufacturer however was subject to severe limitations for it was nearly impossible to generate orders from third parties with the owner being an OE customer. By becoming integrated into the MAHLE Group, MAHLE Powertrain benefits from the existing distribution channels and due to its independence can market its products more successfully.

Presently, the four MAHLE Powertrain locations – in Northampton (UK), Wellingborough (UK), Worcester (UK) as well as Novi (MI/USA) – employ approximately 600 employees. The two development centers in Northampton and Novi near Detroit have already been integrated into MAHLE research and development activities and are working together with the remaining five affiliated development centers of the MAHLE Group. Joint research and preliminary development projects have already been initiated and will take full effect in the coming year. MAHLE will also deal with new engine-specific development topics, especially those leading to decreased fuel consumption and exhaust gas emissions. The two manufacturing locations in Wellingborough und Worcester,

where cylinder heads and engine blocks are machined and engines for small lot production are assembled, are an optimal addition to the existing development and manufacturing know-how at MAHLE.

„We had a good start into our joint activities. We enjoy great cooperation with MAHLE’s Sales division in Stuttgart and have been able to establish many new customer contacts this way“, explains Ulrich Wittwer, Chief Executive Officer of MAHLE Powertrain Ltd. „During our Global Sales Meeting, which took place in Northampton on September 7-9, 2005, we were able to intensify our cooperation further. All MAHLE Key Account Managers had the opportunity to experience MAHLE Powertrain’s possibilities on site“, Wittwer adds.

The MAHLE Group is the worldwide leading manufacturer of pistons, engine components and filter systems. MAHLE, which has more than 38,000 employees in 70 production locations, expects sales of about EUR 4.0 billion for the year 2005.

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