

Press Release

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MAHLE implements comprehensive measures to contain the coronavirus

- Operations to be largely suspended at the European sites
- Measures to protect employees and business initiatives in response to the market situation
- MAHLE Aftermarket to continue supplying spare parts to repair shops

MAHLE has adopted a comprehensive action package in response to the continuing spread of the novel coronavirus and the decision by numerous OEMs to suspend production. As from today, all European production sites will be successively closed down in a controlled manner by Wednesday, March 25, at the latest, and indirect administrative and development functions reduced to a few key core functions.

“We are facing an extreme situation of an unforeseeable scale, and it is completely unclear how things will develop. We must make every possible effort to contain the further spread of the coronavirus in order to protect our employees. At the same time, we are responding as a business to the collapsing markets and, in particular, to the production stoppages of the OEMs in Europe”, says Dr. Jörg Stratmann, CEO and Chairman of the MAHLE Management Board.

These measures will affect some 70 locations across Europe. MAHLE will decide on which approach to use in each case, such as applying for short-time work, in consultation with the employee representatives. This, as well as further internal measures, will apply until further notice depending on the overall situation. Excluded from these measures are the distribution centers for the aftermarket in order to secure the supply of spare parts to repair shops.

About MAHLE

MAHLE is a leading international development partner and supplier to the automotive industry as well as a pioneer for the mobility of the future. The MAHLE Group is committed to making transportation more efficient, more environmentally friendly, and more comfortable by continuously optimizing the combustion engine, driving forward the use of alternative fuels, and laying the foundation for the worldwide introduction of e-mobility. The group's product portfolio addresses all the crucial issues relating to the powertrain and air conditioning technology—both for drives with combustion engines and for e-mobility. MAHLE products are fitted in at least every second vehicle worldwide. Components and systems from MAHLE are also used off the road—in stationary applications, for mobile machinery, rail transport, as well as marine applications.

In 2018, the group generated sales of approximately EUR 12.6 billion with more than 79,000 employees and is represented in over 30 countries with 160 production locations. At 16 major research and development centers in Germany, Great Britain, Luxembourg, Spain, Slovenia, the USA, Brazil, Japan, China, and India, more than 6,100 development engineers and technicians are working on innovative solutions for the mobility of the future.

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