



Supplier Award presented **Bosch award for top suppliers** High proportion of non-German companies

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- ▶ Awards for 47 suppliers from 14 countries
- ▶ 30 companies singled out for at least the second time
- ▶ Reliability, quality, and pricing are important criteria for selection

Stuttgart – Bosch has conferred its “Bosch Supplier Award” on its best suppliers in 2005 and 2006. The award was given in five categories to a total of 47 companies from 14 countries. With its supplier award, the company pays tribute to suppliers that have done outstanding work in the creation and supply of products and services – especially with respect to reliability, quality, and pricing. The assessment criteria for the award also include communication and cooperation, as well as the willingness to continuously improve. The award-winners were honored at a ceremony in Stuttgart’s Staatsgalerie museum on July 4, 2007.

This is now the eleventh time Bosch has conferred its supplier award since 1987. The award is open to suppliers the world over, and is conferred every two years. A total of eight companies have now won the award at least five times, while 30 companies have received it at least twice. The award-winners have never been more international than this year. Nineteen of the 47 award-winning companies are headquartered outside Germany. “Our global growth is only possible with strong partners. This is why we pursue a policy of international purchasing and a global supplier strategy,” said Franz Fehrenbach, chairman of the board of management, at the award-giving ceremony.

In 2006, the Bosch Group’s total purchasing volume came to some 23 billion euros. The share of purchases made outside Germany was more than 50 percent, with the major sourcing markets being the U.S., eastern Europe, China, and Japan. Bosch purchased manufacturing materials such

as electronic components, mechanical and electromechanical components, services, merchandise, and capital goods.

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The Bosch Group is a leading global supplier of technology and services. In the areas of automotive and industrial technology, consumer goods, and building technology, some 260,000 associates generated sales of 43.7 billion euros in fiscal 2006. The Bosch Group comprises Robert Bosch GmbH and its roughly 300 subsidiary and regional companies in over 50 countries. This worldwide development, manufacturing, and sales network is the foundation for further growth. Bosch spends more than three billion euros each year for research and development, and in 2006 applied for over 3,000 patents worldwide. The company was set up in Stuttgart in 1886 by Robert Bosch (1861-1942) as "Workshop for Precision Mechanics and Electrical Engineering."

The special ownership structure of Robert Bosch GmbH guarantees the entrepreneurial freedom of the Bosch Group, making it possible for the company to plan over the long term and to undertake significant up-front investments in the safeguarding of its future. Ninety-two percent of the share capital of Robert Bosch GmbH is held by Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH, a charitable foundation. The majority of voting rights are held by Robert Bosch Industrietreuhand KG, an industrial trust. The entrepreneurial ownership functions are carried out by the trust. The remaining shares and voting rights are held by the Bosch family and by Robert Bosch GmbH.

Additional information can be accessed at www.bosch.com.