

Continental Engineering Services Is Expanding – Three New Branch Locations Inaugurated

- **CES with new sites in England, Germany (Sindelfingen), and Italy**
- **Focusing also on the development and integration of advanced driver assistance systems**
- **Customers benefit from the product portfolio of the Continental Group**

Frankfurt, March 18, 2021. Continental Engineering Services (CES) is expanding and opening three new sites in England, Germany and Italy. The international development and production service provider is thus significantly expanding its capacities. In particular, the new branch in Burgess Hill in England has a major strategic significance for Continental's subsidiary. The site's focus is on the development and adaptation of Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS). ADAS technologies are playing an increasingly important role in modern vehicles. From 2022, all new cars in the European Union must be equipped with various assistance systems. These include emergency braking and lane departure warning systems as well as warning systems that detect driver fatigue. The new EU regulations are intended to help better protect vehicle occupants, pedestrians and cyclists and increase trust in automated driving functions.

At the new Continental Engineering Services site in Burgess Hill near London, around 100 engineers are developing solutions for advanced driver assistance systems. CES customers benefit from well-established processes. The branch in Burgess Hill was part of the ADAS Business Unit of the Continental Group until the end of 2020. "The development teams in Burgess Hill strengthen our expertise in key disciplines," explains Dr. Christoph Falk-Gierlinger, General Manager of CES. "The development of assistance systems and their integration into an increasingly digital vehicle architectures are rapidly becoming increasingly important. We offer intelligent solutions that meet the requirements of specific vehicle architecture and international legal requirements." The expertise of the Burgess Hill site includes software and image recognition as well as the development and adaptation of technologies for parking and turning maneuvers.

The new branch strengthens the company's market position in Great Britain, where CES already has a site in Lichfield. In addition, CES will in the future be using free production capacity at the Welsh production site in Ebbw Vale for the production of components, e.g. for electric drives and the Ac2ated Sound speaker-free sound system.

New site near Stuttgart for connectivity, electric drive, and acoustics issues

CES is also pursuing a clear expansion strategy in Germany. The development service provider has now opened a new branch in Sindelfingen to provide even better support to key customers at the Continental automotive site in Baden-Wuerttemberg. "We have moved closer to our customers in the greater Stuttgart area," explains Lars Holger Seibert, Director of Sales & Marketing. "As a systems development partner, we can now support our customers even more efficiently in the development and implementation of customized solutions for the mobility of the future. Our focus is on disciplines such as electric mobility, vehicle acoustics, traffic safety, information and connectivity." The engineers at the new branch in Sindelfingen specialize among other things in the integration of brake and advanced driver assistance systems as well as interior electronics systems and in the development of smart connectivity solutions and efficient technologies for electric drives. In addition, Continental Engineering Services is investing in a nearby acoustics center in Marktgroeningen in order to be able to implement complex projects in overall vehicle acoustics and thermal management even closer to the customer – disciplines in which CES has already been providing trustworthy support to major customers for years.

Continental is also represented at the new site in Sindelfingen. This underscores the strategic connection to the parent company. CES customers benefit from a unique competitive advantage. Backed by the complete Continental automotive portfolio, CES as a wholly owned subsidiary is in a position to develop innovative, pragmatic and, not least, cost-attractive solutions particularly quickly. Components that have already been tested in large-scale production, such as sensors, actuators or control units as well as system development work, can be individually adapted and further developed to fit CES customers' needs. The company was able to win Uwe Hillburger as its new site manager, who, after holding positions at Porsche and development service providers such as MBtech and AVL, among others, enjoys an excellent reputation in the industry as an accomplished expert in crucial future topics.

The Turin site ensures greater proximity to customers in southern Europe

To drive forward its growth course in southern Europe as well, Continental Engineering Services has also opened a new subsidiary in Italy. The Turin branch serves in particular Italian manufacturers of limited production series, niche, two-wheeled, and special vehicles. It will be managed by Nicole Haring-Aue, Head of CES Italy. Here, too, customers benefit from exclusive access to Continental's tried-and-tested large-scale production technologies. Another advantage is that the company offers its own German-based manufacturing facility for the production of mechanical components, complex control units through to limited production series components. That, too, is a service that only Continental Engineering Services offers among its competitors.

Continental develops pioneering technologies and services for sustainable and connected mobility of people and their goods. Founded in 1871, the technology company offers safe, efficient, intelligent, and affordable solutions for vehicles, machines, traffic and transportation. Continental generated preliminary sales of €37.7 billion in 2020 and currently employs more than 235,000 people in 58 countries and markets. In 2021, the company celebrates its 150th anniversary.

Founded in 2006 as a subsidiary of Continental AG, **Continental Engineering Services** GmbH, headquartered in Frankfurt am Main, has developed into a leading international development and production partner for automotive and industrial customers. Continental Engineering Services develops and manufactures new solutions for technological challenges in the competence areas of interior, powertrain and chassis, and adapts proven high-volume technologies for small series, niche, two-wheel and special vehicles as well as for industrial applications. The company thus makes mobility user-friendly, efficient, safe and comfortable.

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