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Production jubilee

Right on time for its 70th birthday MANN+HUMMEL celebrates the milestone of 5 million produced oil modules in plastic.

Ludwigsburg, 8th July 2011 – Eight years ago there was a sensation in the automotive industry when MANN+HUMMEL introduced the first oil module in plastic worldwide as a highlight at the IAA Frankfurt motor show. The module, developed in close co-operation with AUDI AG, was initially used in the new 2 litre 4 cylinder FSI direct injection petrol engine of Volkswagen and Audi. Now production of the plastic oil module by the development partner and series supplier to the international automotive industry has exceeded 5 million – 4 million of them in Ludwigsburg – and new modules for different customers have been developed. Today oil modules in plastic are shipped to all over Europe from the Ludwigsburg plant. In the meantime MANN+HUMMEL has introduced the third generation of the complex and integrated oil module to the market and increased production substantially. In addition to the Ludwigsburg headquarters, plastic oil modules are produced at MANN+HUMMEL subsidiaries in Brazil and the Czech Republic.

"The plastic oil module is without doubt a milestone in automotive plastics processing and is a prime example of the innovation ability of our employees. It has revolutionized engine oil management and developed to be an excellent Ludwigsburg export hit, as the 4 million modules produced in Germany show", underlined Alfred Weber, CEO MANN+HUMMEL. "Innovative products such as this module have significantly contributed towards us being able to celebrate our production jubilee this year as well as our 70th company anniversary."

In commemoration of the 70-year success story, MANN+HUMMEL will tomorrow celebrate in Ludwigsburg with its family day.

History

It all began in 1941, during the second world war. The company's founders Adolf Mann (1890-1971) and Dr. Erich Hummel (1893-1984) were at that time managing partners of the Ludwigsburg textile manufacturer Bleyle. Production at Bleyle had to be stopped because textiles were not classed as essential commodities in wartime. In order to save jobs, Adolf Mann and Dr. Erich Hummel decided to buy Mahle's filter business. In this way, FILTERWERK MANN+HUMMEL GMBH were created. At the end of the second world war, the whole economy collapsed. The motor vehicle and engine industry was affected and this in turn affected MANN+HUMMEL.

In order to survive, the filter specialist made items for everyday use including pots, pans, taps and even, for household use, small handcars. MANN+HUMMEL also returned to its textile tradition and until 1972 high-quality fashion articles were produced under the PAMINA MANN label at the Ludwigsburg textile factory.

MANN+HUMMEL were and are making a career for itself as a specialist in filtration. The Stuttgart area is the cradle of the motor car – famous marques have their headquarters there. After the end of the war, the automotive industry developed tremendously – the age of mobility had dawned. The decision to set up a business to manufacture air, oil and fuel filters proved to be very wise because MANN+HUMMEL, in parallel to the

automotive industry, was also developing dramatically. As a development partner and supplier to this sector, MANN+HUMMEL joined in the car boom with new products in the filtration technology area and in the following years became a respected partner for many vehicle manufacturers. Activities in the general industrial sector and primarily in the field of mechanical engineering soon proved to be a second mainstay.

Diversification of the product range was accompanied by expansion of the business from Germany into Europe and the rest of the world. By 1959, MANN+HUMMEL were present in Argentina and Brazil. Spain followed in 1965 and MANN+HUMMEL have also been active in the US market since 1994. In 1996 the company entered the Asian market. Today MANN+HUMMEL are represented at over 40 locations on all continents and continue to grow. The erstwhile small Swabian component manufacturer has expanded to become an internationally renowned system supplier and a market leader in automotive and industrial filtration. The company's aftermarket brand MANN-FILTER is one of the most valuable and strongest filter brands on the worldwide market. Last year MANN+HUMMEL produced far more than 400 million filter elements. This means that every second more than 25 new filter elements run off the production line and statistically speaking in recent years the filter specialist has equipped all the roughly 1 billion motor cars on the planet a number of times with MANN+HUMMEL products.

The company is also active in new business areas, e.g. recent activities are in the area of water treatment, a field which also has its origins in Ludwigsburg. Further business areas will follow.

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About MANN+HUMMEL

The MANN+HUMMEL Group is a development partner and original equipment supplier to the international automotive and mechanical engineering industries. Employing approx. 13,200 people at 41 locations worldwide, the company achieved turnover of 2.18 billion euros in 2010. The group's product portfolio includes air filter systems, intake manifold systems, liquid filter systems, cabin filters and cylinder head covers made of plastic with many integrated functions for the automotive industry, as well as filter elements for vehicle servicing and repair. For general engineering, process engineering and industrial manufacturing sectors the company's product range includes industrial filters, a series of products to reduce carbon emission levels in diesel engines, membrane filters for water filtration, filter systems and complete lines as well as units for conveying, dosing and drying of free flowing plastics.