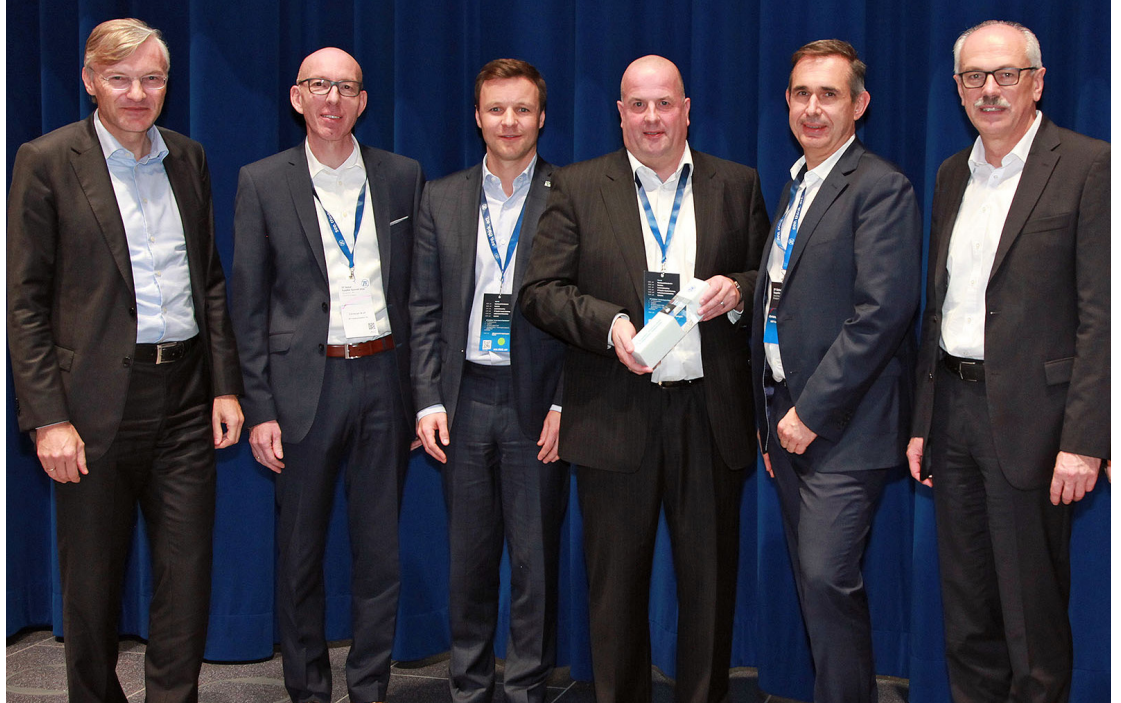


## VOIT Automotive wins the ZF Supplier Award 2018 from ZF Friedrichshafen AG



Wolf-Henning Scheider (Chairman of the Board of Management of ZF Friedrichshafen AG), Christian Wolf (Vice President Global Commodity Castings (SPC) ZF Global Commodity), Christopher Pajak (Strategic corporate development VOIT Automotive), Hendrik Otterbach (CFO VOIT Automotive), Christoph Langehenke (CTO VOIT Automotive), Wilhelm Rehm (Member of the Board of Management of ZF Friedrichshafen AG, responsible for Materials Management, Commercial Vehicle Technology and Industrial Technology) Picture: ZF Friedrichshafen AG

A total of seven companies from Europe, Asia and North America, including the Saarland VOIT Automotive, are the winners of this year's ZF Supplier Awards. They were honored for their excellent performance in December 2018 in the four categories of Digitization, Innovation, Production Material and Non-Production Material. The prizes were handed over by Wolf-Henning Scheider, Chairman of the Executive Board of ZF Friedrichshafen AG, at the ZF Global Supplier Summit, which was dominated by the topic of digitization this year.

Together with an Asian steel company and Shell Deutschland Schmierstoff, VOIT earned the award in the category „Production Material“.

The St. Ingbert-based VOIT Automotive, with its aluminum die casting and forming technology divisions, supplies ZF with transmission components, e.g. for the very successful 8-speed automatic transmission from ZF.

For ZF, VOIT is not only a strong supplier of gearbox internal parts. The company has also been honored as a strategic partner for successful management and for its tireless work to improve the cost position of the joint venture. Since January 2017, ZF and VOIT have jointly operated the French Fonderie Lorraine, with majority ownership and technological leadership of VOIT Automotive.

„VOIT has strongly shaped the transformation of the Fonderie Lorraine plant from a production-oriented ZF plant into a market- and cost-oriented company. In our customer-supplier relationship, VOIT supports ZF's need for cost competitiveness and innovative solutions,“ said Christian Wolf, Vice President of Global Commodity Castings (SPC) ZF Global Commodity. „As Industrial Leader of the Fonderie Lorraine in France and with the recent decision to further expand the production site in Poland, we took a major strategic step towards cost leadership and strengthened ZF's global production footprint.“

„We are very proud of this award, which we achieved together. Colleagues at all sites work very hard every day to be able to offer our products in first-class quality at competitive prices in this difficult market. Thanks to our customers, major OEMs and suppliers worldwide, our powertrain components for vehicles with combustion engines, hybrids and electric drives as well as driver assistance systems are installed in more than 250 vehicle types and over 40 vehicle brands. We therefore cordially thank our key customer ZF for this important recognition and award,“ says Hendrik Otterbach, CFO of VOIT Automotive.

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