

Press Release

## **PWO receives Bosch Global Supplier Award**

Oberkirch, July 8, 2013 – Progress-Werk Oberkirch AG was awarded the Bosch Global Supplier Award 2011/2012 by its customer Robert Bosch GmbH. The theme of the awards ceremony on July 4, 2013 was: "Innovations – The driving force for competitiveness". A total of 38 suppliers from nine countries received awards in five categories. PWO received the award for the fourth time.

The award recognizes the exceptional performance of PWO in the production and delivery of mechanical components, particularly of deep-drawn housings for electric engines made out of sheet steel. As the world market leader for these components, PWO produces more than 120 million such products annually for automotive applications.

Karl M. Schmidhuber, Chief Executive Officer of PWO, is proud of this award: "Housings for electric engines have been an essential element of our product range for many years. We possess the fastest production process in this area worldwide. Through our high innovative strength we continuously enhance our products and processes further to ensure that we remain a world market leader also in the future. We thank Bosch for their strong trust in PWO and our employees for their great dedication".

Progress-Werk Oberkirch AG

The Management Board

### **PWO company profile**

PWO is one of the world's leading suppliers of advanced metal components for automobile safety and comfort. The company has developed a unique knowledge in the forming and joining of metals over the course of its over 90-year history since it was founded in 1919. The German location at Oberkirch today employs over 1,500 staff members. The Group is globally represented with further sites in Canada, the Czech Republic, China and Mexico employs over 3,100 staff members around the world.

PWO is a partner to the global automotive industry for the development and production of innovative products in the areas of "Mechanical components for electrical and electronic applications", "Safety components for airbags, seats and steering" and "Components and systems for vehicle bodies and chassis".