

Press Release

PWO receives the World Excellence Award for outstanding performance

Oberkirch, June 1, 2015 – Progress-Werk Oberkirch AG received the World Excellence Award in the "Gold" category for outstanding performance from its customer the FORD Motor Company (Dearborn, USA). This is the most prestigious award given by FORD to its suppliers. Only ten other suppliers worldwide received a similar award in the current year. PWO had already received this coveted award in 2013 – at that time in the "Silver" category. The award recognizes top performance in the areas of quality, delivery reliability, and cost efficiency. PWO is supplying FORD with instrument panel cross members in Europe and North America.

Dr. Volker Simon, Speaker of the Management Board, who accepted the trophy at the award ceremony, is delighted to receive this special award: "It is both an honor and an endorsement to belong to the best suppliers worldwide. We thank FORD for its trust in PWO and extend our appreciation to our employees for their extraordinary dedication."

For Dr. Winfried Blümel, member of the Management Board responsible for the areas of Production and Materials, sees the FORD award as further recognition for PWO's efforts in efficiency and process expertise for increased automobile safety and comfort.

Progress-Werk Oberkirch AG
The Management Board

PWO company profile

PWO is one of the world's leading developers and manufacturers of advanced metal components and systems in lightweight construction for automobile safety and comfort. The company has developed a unique knowledge in the forming and joining of metals over the course of its 95-year history since it was founded in 1919. The German location at Oberkirch today employs around 1,500 staff members. The Group is globally represented with further sites in China, Canada, Mexico, and the Czech Republic. It employs around 3,100 staff members worldwide.

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