Siemens opens new location for eCar Powertrain Systems Business Unit

- Siemens pools development and production of converters for hybrid and electric vehicles in Erlangen, Germany
- Start of series production of powertrains for hybrid vehicles
- New office building for international HQ of eCar Powertrain Systems business unit

Siemens is expanding its electromobility business by establishing a new location for the development, production and testing of electric powertrains for hybrid and electric vehicles. The company manufactures converters for powertrains for electric cars in a facility covering 1,200 square meters. An inspection and testing area has been constructed on an additional 1,300 square meters and houses various test rigs and laboratories, in which the development department can work on complete powertrains as well as charging technologies for hybrid and electric vehicles. By combining development and production on one site, Siemens is able to respond faster to the individual demands of its customers from the automotive industry. At the new site in Frauenauracher Strasse, Erlangen new offices have also been built: the international headquarters of the eCar Powertrain Systems business unit. In total, the location will accommodate a workforce of around 400. Jörg Grotendorst, CEO of eCar Powertrain Systems, opened the plant today at an inauguration ceremony attended by numerous guests from economics and politics.

"With our new development and production center for converters in Erlangen we have moved toward series production of powertrains for the European electromobility market", declared Grotendorst.
"In combination with our motor production in Bad Neustadt, we are now in a position to equip tens of thousands of vehicles per year with our innovative electric powertrains. Siemens is committed to sending a clear signal in the market for electromobility."

Siemens has invested tens of millions of euros in the new buildings and production facilities of the eCar Powertrain Systems business unit in Erlangen. By locating the plant very close to the development department and headquarters of the Motion Control business unit and the Equipment Manufacturing Plant in Erlangen (GWE), Siemens has pooled its converter technology expertise at the Frauenauracher Strasse site in Erlangen. The company has been making converters for industrial use at the GWE since 1969 and is one of the world's leading suppliers of electrical drive systems for industry. In 2014, Siemens opened a new production line for the manufacture of electric motors for hybrid and electric vehicles at its plant in Bad Neustadt. Motors and converters are the key components of electrical powertrains for hybrid and electric vehicles.

“Electromobility is a mega topic. We have recognized its huge importance, and we are working to drive this technology forward with our “Electromobility future offensive”. With its groundbreaking commitment to the field of electromobility, Siemens is helping to further strengthen the innovative capability of Bavaria's economy. The achievements of its leading corporations and scientific institutions have placed Bavaria firmly at the forefront of the electromobility sector”, emphasizes Ilse Aigner, Bavarian State Minister of Economic Affairs and Media, Energy and Technology.

“This new Siemens plant means that the region is making a significant contribution to expanding electromobility far beyond the borders of Bavaria", said Joachim Herrmann, Bavarian State Minister of the Interior, for Infrastructure and Transport.
“Siemens is committed to the Erlangen site and investing in the technologies of the future. But it’s not only the business location of Erlangen that will benefit from the new eCar Powertrain Systems site. The site also provides answers to questions, such as how mobility in cities can be established on a sustainable basis: electric vehicles conserve resources, have low emissions and therefore represent an important contribution to the mobility of the future,” said Dr. Florian Janik, Mayor of Erlangen.

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