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Bosch given international safety award fourth year running

- ▶ Health and safety is important part of Bosch business
- ▶ Bosch awarded British Safety Council's International Safety Award for fourth year in a row

Denham – Robert Bosch, a global supplier of automotive, consumer and industrial technology, has been given a prestigious international award from one of the world's leading health and safety training, advisory and audit bodies for the fourth year in a row.

Following rigorous assessment by an independent adjudication panel the British Safety Council has bestowed its esteemed International Safety Award on Bosch.

For an organisation to win this coveted award it must demonstrate that it has in place comprehensive health and safety policies, targeted plans and a clear commitment to health and safety from the shop floor to the boardroom. It must be committed to the promotion of a positive safety culture.

The winning organisation must also have demonstrated the competence of those responsible for the management of health and safety and provide clear evidence about the improvements they have achieved in health and safety during the year.

Chief Executive of the British Safety Council, Mr Brian Nimick says:

“For more than 50 years, BSC has led the way in promoting health, safety and environmental best practice in society. In the 21st century, many organisations worldwide are understandably making health, safety and environmental management their top priority. Through achieving an International Safety Award, Bosch is helping to make our vision of a healthy and safe working environment a reality.”

Health, Safety and Environmental Protection Co-ordinator for Bosch, Mr. George Richardson said:

“At the heart of everything we do at Bosch is a strong vision and set of values. Health and safety is a fundamental part of these values and we are a world leader in this area, both in the products we produce and the way we go about our business. We are very pleased to have been awarded the British Safety Council's International Safety Award for the fourth year in a row as we believe that it demonstrates the commitment we have to providing a safe and healthy working environment for our employees”.

Last year Prime Minister Gordon Brown added his congratulations: “I am delighted to send my congratulations to all of those organisations being presented with an award by the British Safety Council. These awards recognise the crucial success that these organisations and their employees have achieved in their

pursuit of excellence in the management of health, safety and environmental matters at an international level”.

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The Bosch Group is a leading global supplier of technology and services. According to preliminary figures, some 282,000 associates generated sales of roughly 45 billion euros in the areas of automotive and industrial technology, consumer goods, and building technology in fiscal 2008. The Bosch Group comprises Robert Bosch GmbH and its more than 300 subsidiaries and regional companies in over 60 countries. If its sales and service partners are included, then Bosch is represented in roughly 150 countries. This worldwide development, manufacturing, and sales network is the foundation for further growth. Each year, Bosch spends more than 3 billion euros for research and development, and applies for over 3,000 patents worldwide. With all its products and services, Bosch enhances the quality of life by providing solutions which are both innovative and beneficial.

The company was set up in Stuttgart in 1886 by Robert Bosch (1861-1942) as “Workshop for Precision Mechanics and Electrical Engineering.” The special ownership structure of Robert Bosch GmbH guarantees the entrepreneurial freedom of the Bosch Group, making it possible for the company to plan over the long term and to undertake significant up-front investments in the safeguarding of its future. Ninety-two percent of the share capital of Robert Bosch GmbH is held by Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH, a charitable foundation. The majority of voting rights are held by Robert Bosch Industrietreuhand KG, an industrial trust. The entrepreneurial ownership functions are carried out by the trust. The remaining shares are held by the Bosch family and by Robert Bosch GmbH.

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