



International Automotive Components

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### **IAC awarded 2006 World Excellence Award by Ford Motor Company for exemplary performance at Cologne, Germany Plant**

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At a ceremony in Dearborn, Michigan, on April 17<sup>th</sup>, Ford Motor Company awarded its highest supplier honor – the World Excellence Award – to International Automotive Components (IAC) for exemplary performance in 2006. IAC's Cologne, Germany Plant received the Silver Award for achieving the highest marks in the areas of quality, cost, and delivery. IAC supplies instrument panels and complete cockpit modules for the Ford Fiesta and Fusion from the Cologne facility.

The World Excellence Awards recognize suppliers who not only achieve the highest levels of quality, cost, and delivery, but recognize the diverse cultures, values, and ideas of the thousands of individuals they employ. There are three levels of World Excellence Awards – Gold, Silver and Recognition of Achievement. The Gold and Silver Awards are given to suppliers that excel in quality, cost and delivery; 15 Gold Awards and 34 Silver Awards were presented.

"Ford Motor Company's World Excellence Awards recognize these global suppliers who, in 2006, played a pivotal role in helping Ford achieve the highest level of quality, cost and delivery resulting in safe, attractive products and value to our customers worldwide. By their steadfast dedication, determination and sustained focus on the very highest standards, these award-winning suppliers have made a superior contribution to Ford Motor Company, and we gratefully thank them for their contributions," said Tony Brown, Senior Vice President, Global Purchasing. "Their efforts have positively impacted customer satisfaction."

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Jens Hoehnel, CEO of IAC Group Europe said, “Receiving Ford Motor Company’s Silver Award is a tremendous honor. It is a signal of IAC’s strong focus toward customer satisfaction and the result of the commitment and dedication of our employees to provide our customers with world-class products and service. I congratulate the entire IAC team on this outstanding achievement.”