

## **Webasto Celebrates Topping Out Ceremony at its Stockdorf Headquarters**

### **Shell construction of new administration and development center has been completed**

**Stockdorf/Munich – October 12, 2016** – On Tuesday, October 11, 2016, automotive supplier Webasto celebrated the topping out ceremony for its new administration and development center in Stockdorf. The market leader for roof and thermo systems is investing around 40 million euros in the structure, which features a total of 14,000 square meters of office and other usable floor space. Dr. Holger Engelmann, Chairman of the Management Board, Webasto SE, welcomed dignitaries to the ceremony including the owner families Baier and Mey, the deputy commissioner for the Starnberg administrative district, Georg Scheitz along with the mayor of Gauting, Dr. Brigitte Kössinger.

“I am proud of our cross-generational project that will have an impact well into the future. With this we are creating a cutting-edge workplace environment, with which we ensure our capability to continue to provide innovations ‘developed out of Stockdorf’ in the future,” Engelmann emphasized in his address. The new building will have space to house about 500 employees and its completion is anticipated for the fall of 2017. “I would like to express my gratitude to our owners for making the new construction possible, the project team as well as all the construction companies who are involved in realizing the project. This enables us to strengthen our position as an attractive employer in an attractive region.”

### **Trust-based cooperation with municipality and administrative district**

In his official celebratory speech, Georg Scheitz emphasized the significance of the Top 100 automotive supplier for the region and Webasto’s trust-based cooperation with the municipality and the administrative district. “When all those involved act in concert, a project such as this one can be executed in record time,” said Scheitz. “We are proud that one of the leading automotive suppliers in Germany and the world will continue to call this place in the district of Starnberg home.”

Dr. Brigitte Kössinger highlighted Webasto as a traditional company that has been devoted to progress for generations. She too hailed the company’s commitment to the location in Stockdorf. “A company such as Webasto, with an outstanding international reputation strengthens not only the respect and prestige but also the purchasing power and economic effectiveness of our region.”

### **Optimal conditions for cross-disciplinary cooperation**

The new building allows Webasto to be even better at considering and meeting the complex requirements of the automotive industry in the future, and to continue to expand its role as the market leader. In its new structure, the supplier combines and concentrates various functional areas and thus optimizes the cross-disciplinary cooperation of its international project teams. Thanks to the new building structure, employees who work together on customer projects are located closer to one another, so they can exchange information quickly and efficiently.

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**About Webasto:**

Webasto Group based in Stockdorf near Munich has been a family-owned business ever since the company was founded in 1901. The group operates internationally at over 50 locations (over 30 of these production plants) in the divisions roof and thermo systems. Webasto is one of the top 100 automotive suppliers worldwide. In 2015 the Group realized a sales volume of 2.9 billion euros and has almost 12,000 employees. The company's core competencies encompass the development, production and sales of complete roof and convertible systems as well as heating, cooling and ventilation systems for passenger cars, commercial and special vehicles, recreational vehicles and boats. For more information please visit [www.webasto-group.com](http://www.webasto-group.com)

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