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Funkwerk Dabendorf and CDN Automotive agree on strategic partnership

Co-development of high-quality entertainment and information solutions with demanding graphics for the automobile industry

At the IAA 2009, CDN Automotive AG from Regensburg and Brandenburg's Funkwerk Dabendorf GmbH agreed on a strategic alliance. Both companies plan to collaborate closely on developing graphic and infotainment systems for the automobile industry. A joint goal is to develop demanding graphic display applications as well as 3-D navigation and high-quality infotainment systems. CDN Automotive, a supplier of infotainment systems and navigation software, and Funkwerk Dabendorf which specialises in communication solutions for vehicles, are thereby bundling their competences with plans to offer initial solutions as soon as 2010.

Jürgen Hänsler, Chairman of the Board at CDN Automotive AG, explains: "CDN develops demanding software solutions for the automobile industry. We can see a clear trend towards high-quality graphics for a range of applications. As a leading manufacturer of information and communication systems for the automobile industry, Funkwerk Dabendorf is a key partner for CDN Automotive in order to further develop our software technology in specific projects."

On collaboration with CDN, Theo Drijfhout, Managing Director of Funkwerk Dabendorf GmbH: "Funkwerk Dabendorf specialises in the development and manufacture of high-quality communication, telematics and infotainment solutions for the automobile industry. Our strategy is to specifically supplement our own competence in system development, communication technology and high-frequency modules by means of strategic co-operations with leading partners. The 3-D graphic

and infotainment technology offered by CDN Automotive enables us to offer the automobile industry a new generation of high-quality systems.”

About CDN Automotive AG: CDN GmbH was established in 1994. It transformed into a stock company in 2008 and has its operative headquarters in Regensburg. From the very beginning, core business involved the development of modern software in hardware-related areas. Activities have focussed on the automobile industry since 2001. Development of the HERMES infotainment system with integrated top-level 3-D navigation began in 2006. CDN was awarded an innovation prize by the “Initiative Mittelstand” for this system sponsored by the state of Bavaria. The company has been managed by Board Chairman Dipl. Inf. (FH) Jürgen Hänslers from the very beginning.

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About the company

Funkwerk Dabendorf GmbH, headquartered in Dabendorf near Berlin, is a division of Funkwerk AG, a stock-market listed company. Funkwerk Dabendorf develops and manufactures solutions for mobile in-car communication, multimedia and infotainment. The company's customers include renowned automotive manufacturers, such as Audi, BMW and Daimler as well as commercial vehicle manufacturers like DAF, Daimler Trucks, Iveco and MAN. Funkwerk Dabendorf is the global leader in compensator technology, an amplifier technology specially designed to provide dependable wireless in-vehicle reception.

Funkwerk Dabendorf also supplies a wide range of advanced retrofit products, including hands-free kits, Bluetooth multimedia systems and portable navigation solutions. The product palette is rounded off by an efficient fleet management system. An extensive network of retailers and qualified fitting companies provide efficient installation services and dependable after-sales service. Funkwerk Dabendorf is a market leader for mobile in-vehicle communication, as is proven by the many awards the company has won and the top ratings its products regularly receive in tests.

Funkwerk AG, headquartered in Kölleda near Erfurt, develops, produces and markets professional communication systems used in vehicles by transport organisations, companies and institutions. With its four divisions Traffic & Control Communication (communication, management and information systems for transport and logistics companies), Automotive Communication (communication and infotainment systems for vehicles), Enterprise Communication (communication and access solutions for companies and institutions) and Security Communication (personal security and video surveillance), Funkwerk is strategically

well positioned in emerging markets. With around 1,600 employees, the Thuringian technology conglomerate reported sales of €290 million in the previous business year.

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