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Eberspaecher acquires industrial site in Hermsdorf

- **Construction of new production plant for PTC ceramics**
- **Rising demand for electrical heaters**
- **Expansion of in-production development activities**

Esslingen / Hermsdorf (Thuringia), 19 October 2017 – **In order to meet the rising demand for PTC ceramics, Eberspaecher catem GmbH & Co. KG is expanding its production and development capacities. To that end, the company has acquired an approximately three hectare site on the Hermsdorf East industrial park. Ceramics are key components of the high-voltage electrical heaters fitted in electric and hybrid vehicles.**

"With this expansion we are taking a major step in meeting the mobility needs of tomorrow. The ceramics manufactured in Hermsdorf are at the core of our heating technology for electric and hybrid vehicles worldwide. The new facility additionally offers space for expanding our development work, and integrating new process technologies for future products," comments Andreas Schwarzer, General Manager of Eberspaecher catem. On a site directly adjacent to the A4 highway, the new facility due for completion in Spring 2018 will incorporate an approximately 10,000 square meter production and a 2,800 square meter administration and engineering building. It will in future enable in-production development to be intensified, and in-production testing of the latest product generations to be implemented.

In July 2016 Eberspaecher extended its production depth by taking over the production plant of Paul Rauschert Steinbach GmbH in Hermsdorf. Some 80 people are currently employed in Hermsdorf. They are scheduled to start operating the new plant in Summer 2018. In the long term, the company is planning to create as many as 150 new jobs, especially in production-related areas. Based on the increasing numbers of vehicles

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powered by alternative drive systems, demand for high-voltage electrical heaters is set to grow strongly over the years ahead. The new site provides the necessary space for future expansion of operations.

Background:

Eberspaecher catem, based in Herxheim, is a member of the Eberspaecher group. High-voltage PTC heaters have been part of the Eberspaecher catem product portfolio since 2010. The world market leader has since then fitted them in more than 800,000 hybrid and electric vehicles. The high-performance PTC (Positive Temperature Coefficient) elements supply high heat output while keeping the surface temperatures of the heating elements low, and are also highly reliable and intrinsically safe.

Captions:

- *Visualization of the new Eberspaecher catem facility in Hermsdorf, Thuringia.*
- *Production of PTC elements for high-voltage electrical heaters.*
- *PTC ceramics for high-voltage electrical heaters.*

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About Eberspaecher:

The Eberspaecher Group is one of the world´s leading system developers and suppliers of exhaust technology, vehicle heaters and bus air conditioning systems. Eberspaecher is also a professional innovation partner for the automotive industry in air conditioning of special-purpose vehicles and in automotive electronics. Customers include almost all European and North American, and increasingly more Asian manufacturers of passenger cars and commercial vehicles. In 2016, the internationally positioned group, with more than 9,000 employees, posted sales of over 4.3 billion Euros.