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GM's Rita Forst and Anja Kleyboldt win 2008 25 Leading Women Award

- **Awarded by international jury from Automotive News Europe**
- **Rita Forst heads GM Europe engine and transmission development**
- **Anja Kleyboldt has significant manufacturing leadership role for Opel Insignia start of production**

Turin/Rüsselsheim. GM Europe executives Rita Forst and Anja Kleyboldt were selected by an international jury to win the 2008 25 Leading Women Award awarded by motoring publication Automotive News Europe. Rita Forst is Executive Director Product Engineering at GM Powertrain Europe in Turin. Anja Kleyboldt is Manufacturing Area Manager General Assembly & Components of GM Europe / Adam Opel GmbH in Rüsselsheim.

"Both Rita Forst and Anja Kleyboldt have achieved outstanding results in their areas of responsibility for GM," says GM Europe President Carl-Peter Forster who is very pleased about this prize. "Rita Forst has not only provided new approaches to the engine development, she is also an excellent role model as a leader. Anja Kleyboldt is currently managing the start of production of the Insignia in Rüsselsheim and proves every day how important it is to lead big teams with competence and assertiveness."

When asked what receiving this award means to them both women agree: "We are very proud to belong to the circle of women who were able to achieve leading positions in the European automotive industry through competence and dedication. That this was also possible while having a family should motivate other women to chose similar paths."

General Motors Corp. (NYSE: GM), the world's largest automaker, has been the annual global industry sales leader for 77 years. Founded in 1908, GM today employs about 266,000 people around the world. With global headquarters in Detroit, GM manufactures its cars and trucks in 35 countries. In 2007, nearly 9.37 million GM cars and trucks were sold globally under the following brands: Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, GMC, GM Daewoo, Holden, HUMMER, Opel, Pontiac, Saab, Saturn, Vauxhall and Wuling. In Europe, GM sells its Opel, Vauxhall, Saab, Chevrolet, Cadillac, Corvette and HUMMER ranges in over 30 markets. It operates 10 production and assembly facilities in seven countries and employs around 55,500 people. More information on GM can be found at <http://media.gmeurope.com> and <http://www.gmeurope.com>.

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