GM Powertrain Europe

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**CV: Rita Forst**

**Executive Director, Product Engineering, GM Powertrain Europe**

As Executive Director, Product Engineering at GM Powertrain Europe, engineer Rita Forst is responsible for design, development and integration of gasoline engines, passenger-vehicle diesel engines and manual transmissions for the European market.

Rita Forst was born on March 31, 1955, in Wiesbaden. She studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Applied Sciences in Darmstadt, with a focus on energy and heat engineering. In 1977 she began her career with Adam Opel AG in engine design, advancing to become Project Engineer in 1981. In this capacity, she was later responsible for coordinating various new engine development projects, including the introduction of the three-way catalytic converter and four-valve technology. Rita Forst spent 1984 in the USA, participating in a further education program for young engineers in Flint, Michigan.

As Group Engineer, she managed design and development activities for the globally used Family II engines. In addition, she was active as a core team member in the new Opel light-alloy engine project from its inception. Beginning in 1997, as Project Manager, she realized the integration of the light-alloy engine into the Opel models Astra, Astra Coupé, Zafira and Vectra. As Chief Engineer, she assumed responsibility for Manufacturing Engineering of all Powertrain facilities in Europe, including the new engine plant in Kaiserslautern, in 1999.

She joined Opel Powertrain GmbH as Executive Director, Product Engineering in January 2001, and was later appointed Managing Director of this legal entity. Opel Powertrain GmbH (today: GM Powertrain-Germany GmbH) is an operational division of GM Powertrain Europe. Up to September 2005, Mrs. Forst was Managing Director of Opel Powertrain GmbH (today: GM

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Powertrain-Germany GmbH). Since November 2007 Rita Forst is also chairman of the Supervisory Board of this division.
In September 2005, she was named Executive Director, Product Engineering, GM Powertrain Europe.

Rita Forst is married and has two sons.

GM Powertrain Europe, the new European business unit of GM Powertrain, was established in 2005 with headquarters in Turin, Italy. It maintains development centers in France, Italy, Germany and Sweden, in addition to engine and transmission plants in Germany, France, Austria, Hungary, Italy, Poland and Sweden.

GM Powertrain Europe employs 10,000 staff members and produces 1.5 million engines and 2.0 million transmissions annually for the European GM brands Opel, Vauxhall, Saab, Chevrolet and Cadillac.



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