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Brose Tuscaloosa, Inc. Named Outstanding Automotive Supplier

HUNTSVILLE, AL. (January 25, 2008) – Brose Tuscaloosa, Inc., in Tuscaloosa, Alabama has been recognized by the Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association (AAMA) as the Outstanding 2007 Automotive Supplier in Alabama. A first tier supplier to Mercedes-Benz U.S. International in Tuscaloosa, Brose manufactures interior door systems, including window regulators, latches and other parts. Brose opened in 2003 and employees 90 associates at its 75,000 square foot plant in Tuscaloosa. Gerardo Rojas is the General Plant Manager at Brose.

Seven automotive suppliers were assessed by the Alabama Technology Network (ATN) and AAMA using an assessment tool developed by Toyota. Manufacturers were assessed in fifteen categories and scored from 1-6 with 6 being world class.

Brose scored a 5 or 6 in the following categories: production instructions, shipping management, finished parts management, inventory management, material handling, in-process inventory, production flow, process flexibility, man machine separation, quality, standards, 5S, visual control and information flow.

Ron Davis, President of AAMA and plant manager of ZF Lemforder in Tuscaloosa stated “AAMA is pleased to recognize those automotive suppliers in Alabama that are truly world class manufacturers. Hopefully other automotive suppliers can use Brose as a benchmark in its self assessments.”

Brose Tuscaloosa is part of The Brose Group, a Germany-based international automotive company that provides products for more than 40 vehicle brands and leading seat producers. Brose has 9,800 employees at 38 locations in 20 countries worldwide. Currently, every fourth vehicle produced worldwide is equipped with a Brose product.

Other companies that were assessed by AAMA and ATN in 2007 were AmPro Custom Molding, Inc. in Leeds; ISE Innomotive Systems, U.S., Inc. in Tuscaloosa; Jay Midsouth LLC in Gadsden; Lear Corporation in Montgomery; Siemens VDO in Huntsville; and ZF Lemforder Corporation in Tuscaloosa. These companies were recognized at the February 2008 AAMA meeting in Birmingham.

The Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association was formed in 2001 to promote the growth and continuous improvement of automotive manufacturing in Alabama. AAMA has over 450 members. Founding members include Honda, Hyundai, International Diesel, Mercedes-Benz, and Toyota. For more information visit www.aama.to

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