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Schuler Incorporated Wins PACE Award

Recognized for Hydroforming Global Die Design and Process

Canton/Waghäusel, April 23, 2013 – Schuler Incorporated was named a 2013 Automotive News PACE Award winner at an awards ceremony on April 15 in Detroit. The prestigious award recognizes automotive suppliers for superior innovation, technological advancement and business performance.

Schuler Incorporated was recognized for its Hydroforming Global Die Design and Process. This innovation is two-fold in terms of technical and commercial advances. Schuler's engineering team in Canton, Michigan is advancing the use of high strength steels such as DP1000 and other advanced materials which deliver lightweight tubular shapes for vehicle structures. The end results are auto designs that can bring consumers more fuel efficient cars with better impact and crash performance.

In addition, Schuler's hydroforming process commoditizes hydroformed components, making the process more cost effective than ever before. Hydroforming is now feasible for more applications to deliver light, structurally strong and innovative car designs for global platforms. Global standardization of the component and die



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design delivers flexibility to produce consistent body-in-white parts by tier hydroformers in any region.

“The global die concept is a game changer that drives hydroforming toward a commodity process. It sounds easy, but is technically challenging to design a die that can produce the same part with the same die anywhere in the world,” says Tim McCaughey, president and CEO. “We are extremely honored to receive the PACE award, it validates our belief in the capabilities of our team as a global leader in delivering innovative metalforming solutions. This recognition brings our capabilities to the attention of automakers around the world. Our team is energized and plans to push the envelope with advanced materials in hydroforming.”

The 19th annual PACE (Premier Automotive Suppliers' Contribution to Excellence) Award was presented by Automotive News, Ernst & Young and Transportation Research Center Inc. (TRC Inc.). The competition was open to suppliers who contribute products, processes, materials or services directly to the manufacture of cars or trucks. The Automotive News PACE Award is accepted around the world as the industry symbol of innovation.

Schuler Incorporated won in the Manufacturing Process and Capital Equipment category which recognizes innovations involving game-changing processes (manufacturing or business) or innovative capital equipment that support the automotive supply chain or manufacturing processes.

Schuler Incorporated earned an Automotive News PACE Award following an extensive review by an independent panel of judges including a comprehensive written application and a site visit.

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www.autonews.com/pace

Captions

Bild.jpg: Schuler Incorporated was recognized for its Hydroforming Global Die Design and Process.

About the Schuler Group – www.schulergroup.com

As the technological and global market leader in metalforming, Schuler supplies machines, production lines, dies, process know-how and services for the entire metal-working industry. Its clients include car manufacturers and their suppliers, as well as companies in the forging, household equipment, packaging, energy and electrical industries. Schuler is also the market leader in coin minting technology and supplies systems solutions for the aerospace and railway industries. The company employs around 5,500 people and is represented by its own facilities and sales offices in 40 nations around the world. In fiscal year 2011/12 (ending Sep. 30), Schuler posted sales of € 1,226.1 million with an Ebitda margin of 9.6 percent.

About Schuler Incorporated – www.schulerinc.com

Schuler Incorporated, headquartered in Canton, Michigan, represents the Schuler Group in North America. The company offers sales management and project coordination for state-of-the-art metalforming system solutions. Its after-sales service, spare parts, PM programs, and retrofit and rebuild programs are able to support new and existing metalforming systems. Schuler Inc. also offers a full spectrum of hydroforming services, including part design, FEA analysis, consultation, prototyping and commercial production for both large and small quantities.

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