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Bosch Poised to Take Over Unipoint Group Taiwan Starters, Alternators and Wiper Blades Set to Strengthen Automotive Aftermarket Business

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- ▶ Bosch Automotive Aftermarket division expands its business through starters, alternators, temperature control parts and wiper blades
- ▶ Bosch strengthens and enhances its position in Asia
- ▶ Unipoint Group achieved sales of USD 124 million in 2010 and currently employs around 2,360 people

STUTTGART — The Bosch Automotive Aftermarket division is set to take over the Unipoint Group, as well as its affiliated companies and the Unipoint and NSA brands. The company is a key producer of starters, alternators, temperature control parts and wiper blades for the aftermarket. In 2010, the Unipoint Group achieved sales of USD 124 million. It currently employs around 2,360 people at two production locations in China mainland and Taiwan as well as various sales locations. The two companies signed an agreement confirming the deal on August 8, 2011. The parties have agreed not to disclose the purchase price. The transaction remains subject to the approval of the regulatory and competition authorities.

The Bosch Automotive Aftermarket division has acquired the Unipoint Group with the intention of strengthening its position as the leading supplier of starters and alternators, and also views it as an investment in the temperature control product segment. In addition, it adds another Asian production base to the wiper blade business unit. "Our aim is to further strengthen the position of Bosch as the leading supplier of starters, alternators and wiper blades in the Automotive Aftermarket. We also wish to expand our business in Asia," said Robert Hanser, Chairman of the Divisional Board of the Automotive Aftermarket Division.

"As part of Bosch we will be well equipped for the future. Together, we will be able to continue growing, building as before on the knowledge and expertise of our staff," said David Sheu, company founder of Unipoint Group.

The Unipoint Group was established in 1972 and has been majority-owned by its

founding family ever since. It is set to be integrated into the Bosch Automotive Aftermarket Division. Aside from the provision, sale and distribution of vehicle parts, this division's main focus is providing workshops with diagnostics equipment and services, as well as promoting the Bosch Service and AutoCrew workshop concepts. In 2010, the Automotive Aftermarket division achieved sales of around EUR 4.1 billion and employed over 10,000 associates worldwide.

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The Automotive Aftermarket division (AA) provides the aftermarket and repair shops worldwide with a complete range of diagnostic and repair shop equipment and a wide range of spare parts – from new and exchange parts to repair solutions – for passenger cars and commercial vehicles. Its product portfolio includes products made as Bosch original equipment, as well as aftermarket products and services developed and manufactured in-house. More than 10,000 associates in 140 countries, as well as a global logistics network, ensure that some 450,000 different spare parts reach customers quickly and on time. In its “Diagnostics” operations, AA supplies testing and repair-shop technology, diagnostic software, service training, and information services. In addition, the division is responsible for the “Bosch Car Service” repair-shop franchise, the world’s largest independent chain of repair-shops, with some 15,000 franchises. In addition, AA is responsible for more than 500 “AutoCrew” partners.

Additional information can be accessed at www.bosch-automotive.com.

The Bosch Group is a leading global supplier of technology and services. In the areas of automotive and industrial technology, consumer goods, and building technology, some 285,000 associates generated sales of 47.3 billion euros in fiscal 2010. The Bosch Group comprises Robert Bosch GmbH and its more than 350 subsidiaries and regional companies in over 60 countries. If its sales and service partners are included, then Bosch is represented in roughly 150 countries. This worldwide development, manufacturing, and sales network is the foundation for further growth. Bosch spent 3.8 billion euros for research and development in 2010, and applied for over 3,800 patents worldwide. With all its products and services, Bosch enhances the quality of life by providing solutions which are both innovative and beneficial.

Bosch is celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2011. The company was set up in Stuttgart in 1886 by Robert Bosch (1861-1942) as a “Workshop for Precision Mechanics and Electrical Engineering.” The special ownership structure of Robert Bosch GmbH guarantees the entrepreneurial freedom of the Bosch Group, making it possible for the company to plan over the long term and to undertake significant up-front investments in the safeguarding of its future. Ninety-two percent of the share capital of Robert Bosch GmbH is held by Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH, a charitable foundation. The majority of voting rights are held by Robert Bosch Industrietreuhand KG, an industrial trust. The entrepreneurial ownership functions are carried out by the trust. The remaining shares are held by the Bosch family and by Robert Bosch GmbH.

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