ZF LIFETEC strengthens its global R&D footprint with new Global Capability Center in Hyderabad

* ZF LIFETEC is opening a state-of-the-art Global Capability Center for passive safety technology designed to enhance global R&D and engineering collaboration and customer service
* Opening of Global Capability Center is part of the successful carve-out of ZF LIFETEC from the ZF Group expected to be completed by end of September
* The Global Capability Center plays a crucial role in innovation focusing on enhancing safety standards, adding significant value for customers

**Hyderabad, India, September 12, 2024:** ZF LIFETEC, a leading passive safety technology provider for enhanced protection of vehicle occupants, announced the inauguration of its state-of-the-art Global Capability Center in Hyderabad, India. The opening of the Global Capability Center is part of ZF LIFETEC’s carve-out from the ZF Group which is expected to be completed by the end of September and marks a significant step forward in the company’s commitment to local and global innovation.

**Rudolf Stark, Executive Vice President, ZF LIFETEC,** said, “The inauguration strengthens our global development footprint. Customer proximity is vital for our growth and India is a rising market. At the same time, we can serve global engineering needs out of India very quickly and competitively.”

**Ravikumar Tirumukulu, Executive Director, ZF LIFETEC India,** said, “This state-of-the-art facility embodies our commitment to capabilities, innovation, and global engagement. With a focus on technology development for passive safety, we're not only enhancing our technical expertise but also fostering a culture of collaboration and knowledge-sharing across borders. This center will serve as a beacon for innovation, driving advancements in safety standards and delivering significant value to our customers worldwide. As we continue to push the boundaries of what's possible, I'm excited to see the impact our team will make in shaping a safer, more sustainable future for all.”

**Mr. Akash Passey, President, ZF Group India,** expressed his enthusiasm about this strategic move, stating, "The inauguration reflects ZF's enduring commitment to India. This state-of-the-art Center will play a crucial role in expanding our footprint in India, driving advancements in passive safety across key regions. With 200+ employees and strategic investments, this expansion will further enhance our work in safety technology and enable us to collaborate with leading industry players to enhance safety standards in India and globally. The growing engineering division mirrors our commitment to fostering local talent and addressing global needs, making ZF LIFETEC a vital hub for future-ready safety solutions for customers in diverse sectors.”

Based on strong relationships with a diversified customer base of global OEMs driven by outstanding quality and Research & Development collaborations as well as a strong global innovation platform, ZF LIFETEC is well-positioned as a supplier to renowned vehicle manufacturers.

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**About ZF LIFETEC**

ZF LIFETEC is a leading passive safety technology provider for enhanced protection of vehicle occupants. Employing around 36,000 employees dedicated to the mission of saving lives with a technology driven approach, the company develops, manufactures and distributes a comprehensive product portfolio including airbag, seat belt and steering wheel systems, covering a wide range from small vehicles in the volume segment up to sophisticated luxury vehicles. Featuring a market share exceeding 20 percent in its core product categories, ZF LIFETEC has a worldwide presence at 48 locations across 20 countries. In the fiscal year 2023, the Group generated sales of EUR 4.6 billion. Based on its strong relationships with a diversified customer base of global OEMs, driven by outstanding quality, long-standing R&D collaborations besides a strong global innovation platform, ZF LIFETEC is well positioned for future growth opportunities arising from the automotive megatrends electrification, (semi-) automated driving, smart interior, as well as increasing safety demands and stepped-up safety regulations worldwide.

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