Daimler Day in China Mercedes-Benz Cars

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Challenges for the Production Environment



Economic Challenges

Sustainable Mobility



Ecological/legislative and customer specific Challenges







Technical Challenges

Raw material prices more than doubled and crude oil prices quadrupled in a decade; simultaneously price volatility has increased sharply



Industrial raw materials (source HWWI): weighted average of agriculture raw materials, non-ferrous metals, iron ore, scrap

Production strategy for Operations Cars



Market demand for MBC is shifting away from Europe



Global production network realigned

Selected Mercedes-Benz Cars production locations and their products as of 2014



Global Production Capacity is adjusted to Market Demand



Capital expenditures MBC 2004 – 2013 (property, plant & equipment)



Benefits of the new MBC production structure



C = Competition

Vehicle sales of Mercedes-Benz Cars nearly quintupled ...



* includes Hong Kong

Benefits of the new MBC production structure (vehicles)

Increase full capacity usage for assembly line

Increase in maximum possible **machine usage time**

Reduction in assembly lines

Reduction in manufacturing costs

Reduction in labor costs

Exposure reduction/ Natural hedging

Production strategy for Operations Cars



16 new models in 2010/2011







New generation R-Class



New generation S-Class Coupe



B-Class F-Cell

E-Class convertible



A-Class E-Cell



CLS



C-Class coupe



New generation C-Class



M-Class



S-Class 4-cyl diesel



SLK



B-Class



New generation smart



E-Class long version



E-Class BlueTEC Hybrid







A corporate and global material price & risk management is established to control Raw material prices



- → Transparency of Markets
- → Risk Assessment
- → Risk Reduction through Raw Material Management

Reduction of material costs: reference calculation and module strategy



Module strategy leads to significant improvements: Variable production cost, manufacturing time and quality



(AVOB = anual volume of business of components within module strategy)

Building on a strong network of partners



Production strategy for Operations Cars



Continuous improvement of productivity

Mercedes-Benz Cars productivity [hours per vehicle]



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External awards



60% reduction of warranty and goodwill costs since 2002

Warranty & goodwill [in EUR/unit]



Results of consistent ramp up quality management

Warranty & Goodwill Costs 12 Months in Service – First Production Year



Conclusion: We are on track!

Costs trimmed => ongoing

Quality back to benchmark level

Production structure adjusted to the markets

Product portfolio supplemented/optimized

Module strategy: lower costs & improved ramp-ups

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