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Fifth operations center in the USA

New ElringKlinger plant to open in Fort Wayne

Dettingen-based automotive supplier ElringKlinger is expanding its production capacities for thermal and acoustic shielding systems in the United States. It is planning to open a new facility in Fort Wayne, as part of which up to 150 new jobs will be created by 2022.

The United States is the second-largest car market in the world after China. More than 17 million new vehicles were registered there last year. ElringKlinger is responding to strong growth in its US business by opening a new plant in Fort Wayne, Indiana's second-largest city. It will be ElringKlinger's fifth operations center in the United States, adding to the company's existing plants in Plymouth and Southfield (both in Michigan), Buford (Georgia), and Fremont (California).

ElringKlinger's CEO Dr. Stefan Wolf comments: "We have had good experiences with our US plants in the past. The Fort Wayne region is attractive for manufacturing companies. We're now closer to our customers and have several industry partners nearby. We're looking forward to manufacturing our innovative shielding systems in Fort Wayne."

The new 5,500-square-meter plant will manufacture shielding systems for cars and commercial vehicles; it will also house production, logistics, IT, and R&D facilities. The shielding systems are used in areas of a vehicle that generate high temperatures and produce significant noise emissions, such as the engine compartment, underbody area, and exhaust system. Production is set to begin in September.

"We're thrilled to welcome ElringKlinger to Indiana, a state that is known for its central location, low costs, and skilled workforce," says Governor Eric J. Holcomb. "As a global company, ElringKlinger could have expanded anywhere, but they chose Indiana, which is a testament to our business-friendly environment. We're excited to witness ElringKlinger grow as we continue to build on our economic momentum."

About the ElringKlinger Group

As an automotive supplier, ElringKlinger has become a trusted partner to vehicle manufacturers – with a firm commitment to shaping the future of mobility. Whether it's optimized combustion engines, high-performance hybrids, or environmentally-friendly battery and **fuel cell** technology, ElringKlinger provides innovative solutions for all types of drive systems. ElringKlinger's lightweighting concepts help to reduce the overall weight of vehicles. As a result, vehicles powered by combustion engines consume less fuel and emit less CO₂, while those equipped with alternative propulsion systems benefit from an extended range.

In response to increasingly complex combustion engine technology, the Group also continues to make refinements with regard to gaskets in order to ensure it constantly meets the very highest standards. This is complemented by solutions centered around thermal and acoustic shielding technology. The Group's portfolio also includes products made of the high-performance plastic **PTFE**, which are also marketed to industries beyond the automotive sector. These efforts are supported by a dedicated workforce of more than 9,000 people at some 50 ElringKlinger Group locations around the globe.

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