

DENSO Announces North American Executive Personnel Changes

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SOUTHFIELD, Mich. – As global automotive supplier DENSO continues to expand its footprint in North America, the company is committed to regional and global leadership development. DENSO is pleased to announce the following management and organizational changes across North America, effective January 1, 2017.

“By promoting those who will lead the way, DENSO continues to advance its goals of protecting lives, preserving the planet and preparing a bright future for generations to come,” said Kenichiro Ito, chairman of DENSO’s North America Board of Directors and chief executive officer of DENSO’s North American headquarters in Southfield, Mich. “These changes help broaden the scope of our executive team, strengthening our regional approach and providing unique challenges and opportunities to DENSO’s leaders. It improves collaboration within our local companies, across the region and across DENSO globally.”

Bill Foy was named senior vice president of Engineering. Located in Southfield, Mich., Foy is responsible for overseeing all North American product engineering and development, including climate control, engine components and systems, engine electrical, safety products, cluster, in-vehicle-infotainment, body electronics and small motor engineering. Previously, he served as senior vice president of the Sales & Marketing Division.

Doug Patton will continue his role as executive vice president of Engineering and chief technology officer. In 2017, he assumes the role of SAE International president. This change will allow him to focus on his role as SAE International president, as well as help broaden the scope of DENSO’s executive team.

Denise Carlson was promoted to vice president of the North America Planning and Material Engineering, Production Innovation Center. Located in Southfield, Mich., Carlson is responsible for overseeing Material Development, Material Quality Assurance, and Material Education for DENSO's North American product groups.

Kara Grasso was promoted to vice president of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) Sales group, located at DENSO's Southfield, Mich. facility. She oversees FCA Sales strategy and activities in all key product areas. She was also appointed to lead DENSO's Product Sales Strategy. Previously, she was director of FCA Sales.

Benjamin Luppino will serve as vice president of Toyota Sales Group, located at DENSO's Southfield, Mich. facility. His primary responsibility is guiding the operational and personnel activities for the Toyota Motors Sales group, including overall sales expansion. Previously, he served as vice president and global lead of the General Motors Sales Group.

Rob Hempel will serve as vice president of General Motors Sales Group, located at DENSO's Southfield, Mich. facility. His primary responsibility is guiding the operational and personnel activities for the General Motors Sales group, including overall sales expansion. Previously he served as global lead for Toyota Sales.

Chuntao Ye was promoted to senior vice president. Ye is responsible for Instrument Cluster, Electronics, and Body Electronics plants located in Maryville, Tenn. He also serves as Deputy Leader of Information & Safety Systems. Previously, he served as vice president of DENSO's Alternator/Starter Division in Maryville.

About DENSO in North America

DENSO is a leading global automotive supplier of advanced technology, systems and components in the areas of thermal, powertrain control, electronics and information and safety. With its North American headquarters located in Southfield, Michigan, DENSO employs more than 23,000 people at 30 consolidated companies and affiliates across the North American region. Of these, 28 are manufacturing facilities located in the United States, Canada and Mexico. In the United States alone, DENSO employs more than 15,000 people in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Iowa, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

DENSO's North American consolidated sales totaled US\$9.9 billion for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016. For more information, go to www.densocorp-na.com. Connect with DENSO on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DENSOinNorthAmerica

DENSO Worldwide

DENSO Corp., headquartered in Kariya, Aichi prefecture, Japan has more than 200 subsidiaries and affiliates in 38 countries and regions (including Japan) and employs more than 150,000 people worldwide. Consolidated global sales for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016, totaled US\$40.2 billion. Last fiscal year, DENSO spent 8.8 percent of its global consolidated sales on research and development. DENSO common stock is traded on the Tokyo and Nagoya stock exchanges. For more information, go to www.denso.com, or visit our media website at www.denso.com/global/en/news/media-center/

About DENSO's North American Aftermarket Group

DENSO's North American aftermarket group supplies parts for original equipment service dealers, independent aftermarket service centers and retailers. In addition, the company distributes heavy-duty diesel and electrical components, portable commercial air-conditioning units and industrial robots. The company employs approximately 500 people in Long Beach and Murrieta, California. The company's product line includes heavy-duty and automotive alternators, starters, oil, cabin and air filters, spark plugs, AC compressors, oxygen sensors, ignition wires, fuel pumps, fuel injectors and wiper blades. For more information, go to www.densoautoparts.com. Connect with DENSO Auto Parts on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/densoautoparts/>.

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