

Spin-off of the Fraunhofer Institute for Transportation and Infrastructure Systems IVI

New HÜBNER subsidiary ECUtronic will develop electronic control units for the latest generation of commercial vehicles

Kassel/Dresden, Germany (5 July 2018). The HÜBNER Group is getting ready to meet new safety requirements in the commercial vehicles segment. With the company ECUtronic GmbH in Dresden, the global system supplier HÜBNER now has a new location for the development of highly secure electronic control devices for commercial vehicles. ECUtronic is a spin-off of the Fraunhofer Institute for Transportation and Infrastructure Systems IVI. It will not only be supplying HÜBNER but will also serve as a developmental service provider for other companies in the transportation industry. The Fraunhofer Institute and HÜBNER have worked together successfully for many years.

"The control units developed at ECUtronic will conform with ISO Standard 26262 that will apply to the commercial vehicle segment in the future," explains Uwe Bittroff, head of the Gangway Systems for Road Vehicles at HÜBNER and also a Managing Director at ECUtronic in this function. "With the introduction of this new safety standard we are expecting a sharp increase in the demand for high-safety control units, which until now have not been widely available on the market."

"In addition, we see a basic lack of capacity on the market to develop this sort of control unit," adds co-Managing Director Dr. Frank Steinert, who is responsible for the area of drive engineering at the Dresden Fraunhofer Institute. "We want to fill this gap with ECUtronic and support other companies in the commercial vehicle segment." It is planned for ECUtronic to begin offering products and services to the market in the second half of the year. The first employees have already been hired.

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