

## Press Release

### AutoForm Continues Global Growth Strategy

**Zurich, Switzerland, February 19, 2007.** AutoForm Engineering GmbH, the leading supplier of software solutions for sheet metal forming industry, has opened two new subsidiary offices – *AutoForm Engineering India* and *AutoForm Engineering Mexico*. These offices will provide both business and technical support for customers and prospects in these regions.

**AutoForm Engineering India Pvt. Ltd.** is located in Hyderabad. The office has had two years of steady growth, earning a solid reputation for superior service and products, and becoming a strong player in this growing CAE market. The automotive industry in India is booming with an annual growth rate over 25%, and many automotive giants have decided to open new design and development centers. Several Tier-1 suppliers as well as tooling companies are counting to set up facilities in India. With well trained and experienced engineers who have developed excellent expertise and close collaboration with its long standing agent Nimbus, AutoForm will provide sales and technical support for the company's suite of engineering software solutions to the regional customers.

**AutoForm Engineering México, S.A. de C.V.** is located in Monterrey, considered as Mexico's industrial powerhouse – over 100 auto part manufacturers are active in this region. AutoForm has been serving the Mexican market since 1999 through a local agent, providing CAE software solutions to leading automotive manufacturers and suppliers such as General Motors, Nissan, Volkswagen and Tier-1 suppliers. As the automotive industry continues to be the largest and the fastest growing manufacturing sector in Mexico, AutoForm has decided to open an own subsidiary. This office, following AutoForm's mission, will provide innovative, technological solutions and best-in-class support for its customers.

Dr. Volker Steininger, COO of AutoForm Engineering stated: "Opening these offices is an important step forward for both of us and our clients. It will create a number of new business opportunities while enabling us to better serve our growing customer base. With our highly skilled people and our leading solutions for rapid and reliable validation of manufacturing processes, AutoForm contributes to further strengthen the sheet metal industries in India and Mexico".

#### **About AutoForm Engineering GmbH**

*AutoForm Engineering GmbH develops and markets specialized die face design and simulation software for the automotive and sheet metal forming industries. With all of the Top 20 automobile producers and customers, AutoForm is recognized as the number one provider of software for product formability, die face design and virtual tryouts to the global automotive industry. AutoForm offices are located in Switzerland, Germany, The Netherlands, France, Spain, Italy, USA, Mexico, India, China and Korea. The company also serves the needs of its customers through agents and distributors in more than 15 other countries (Japan, Turkey, Brazil, etc.). For detailed information visit: [www.autoform.com](http://www.autoform.com)*

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