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FEV TO SPONSOR SAE POWERTRAIN INNOVATION FORUM

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. – FEV, a global powertrain and vehicle development company, will return as official sponsor of the FEV Powertrain Innovation Forum for a second consecutive year at the SAE World Congress, Apr. 3-6, 2006 at Cobo Center in Detroit.

“We’re stepping up our presence at SAE for good reason,” says Gary Rogers, FEV CEO and president. “From a business standpoint, the SAE World Congress is one of the most successful industry shows that directly or indirectly impacts our business. BMW - the 2006 World Congress host - and SAE have selected ‘Driving Innovation through Partnerships’ as the Congress theme, which aligns nicely with our core business philosophy.”

Robert Last, FEV’s vice president of operations and communications notes, “This forum provides a perfect venue for us to showcase our capabilities, show breakthrough products and demonstrate FEV’s unique capabilities to bring innovation to the street. The quality of the SAE International Congress has improved dramatically over the past few years.

“What was once more of a ‘catalog showcase’ has become a must-attend event for the automotive engineer who has interest in the development of new, best-in-class powertrains and vehicles. Today's SAE World Congress is a technology- and innovation-driven event that offers participants an unprecedented opportunity to network, exchange ideas and learn. It is FEV's most important trade show of the year in North America.”

The company, which has been designing and developing world-class powertrains and vehicles for nearly 30 years, also will exhibit its latest technologies to demonstrate how it is furthering global engineering technology, especially in developing more fuel-efficient engines. Highlights of the new FEV tech offerings will be announced in mid-February.

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The FEV Powertrain Innovation Forum stage features specialized technical presentations and is among the 101-year-old Congress' best-attended sessions. This year it will feature some of the most popular technical sessions covering powertrain and motorsports topics.

Rogers will moderate a panel discussion titled "How a Shifting Transportation Fuel Outlook Will Influence Powertrain Innovation in the Next Decade."

One of the key results from the 2005 SAE North American International Powertrain Conference in Toronto was the realization that "ownership" of the world's oil supply is becoming substantially more state-controlled, compared to only a decade or two ago. This has introduced an unprecedented level of volatility in the world's fuel market.

Traditionally, oil companies and automotive OEMs have maintained an arms-length relationship. However, due to the tremendous impact of recent oil price hikes on vehicle sales and the financial performance of automotive OEMs, future cooperation with the oil industry will become essential. In particular, cooperation directed at innovating new powertrain technologies that will be fueled by the most likely mix of fuels available in the marketplace over the next 20 years.

Rogers' session will introduce a dialogue on the topic of what the future fuel mix will look like and what technologies can be developed to best meet market needs, while taking advantage of the most likely fuel mixes.

Also leading a technical session will be Floyd E. Allen, an FEV consultant and former vice president of powertrain operations at DaimlerChrysler. Allen's expert panel is titled "Powertrain Innovation in Niche-Market Vehicles." Panelists will discuss development activities and challenges for engines in the high-performance market segment, including unique product-planning processes, partnership need and roles, and innovations that address niche-market vehicles.

Niche vehicles are one of the brightest segments in today's automotive market, Last notes. Powertrains have played a major role in this market's growth and promise to remain the catalyst for further growth. Many OEMs and aftermarket suppliers are modifying high-volume production powertrains to create high-performance, high-image niche vehicles.

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These vehicles serve as “aspiration vehicles” for mainstream product offerings. Such modifications, which can be extensive, inevitably involve many product planning, engineering, manufacturing, product cost, tooling expense, overall program cost and “time to market” constraints and challenges.

Allen’s session is aimed at identifying and discussing these constraints and challenges and exploring further how product and process innovation can contribute to overcoming some of these obstacles.

FEV is an independent engine and powertrain systems research, design and development company, headquartered in Aachen, Germany. Globally, it provides complete concept-to-production (C2P™) support to the transportation industry, commercial engine manufacturers and the emerging fuel-cell industry. The company designs, prototypes and develops advanced gasoline-, diesel- and alternative-fueled engines, as well as advanced vehicle powertrain concepts, electronic control systems and hybrid-electric vehicles. FEV also is a global supplier of advanced test cell, instrumentation and test equipment.

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