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MAHLE Announces the Closing of its Churubusco, Indiana Distribution Center

Closure to be completed by the end of 2009

Ann Arbor, Michigan/USA, October 24th 2008 – As part of the strategic restructuring of its North American Aftermarket business, MAHLE Clevite Inc. has announced it will close its Churubusco, Indiana Distribution Center. There are currently 78 active employees at this location.

The packaging operations performed in Churubusco will be transferred to the MAHLE Clevite facility in Olive Branch, Mississippi. The transfer will occur in two phases with the first taking place at the end of the third quarter 2009. The second phase, and the plant's eventual cessation of operation, is slated for late 2009. Until the first phase begins, day- to-day business will continue as normal.

The fundamental reason for closing the facility is excessive and redundant packaging capacity within the company. Consolidation of operations into Olive Branch will reduce investments and expenses. Synergies with other Olive Branch activities will allow MAHLE leverage and optimize existing resources, improve lead-times and significantly enhance the performance of its Aftermarket business.

Michael Tate, General Manager, MAHLE Clevite Inc. expressed: "The decision to close Churubusco is an extremely difficult one, and we regret the impact upon our employees and the community. This is an essential strategic business decision that will help us realign our investment and capacity to enhance the long-term competitiveness and performance of our business".

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MAHLE Clevite Inc. is a subsidiary of the MAHLE Group. The MAHLE Group is one of the 30 largest automotive suppliers worldwide. As one of the leading manufacturers of combustion engine components, systems and peripherals, MAHLE is among the top 3 suppliers for piston systems, cylinder components, valve train systems, air management systems and liquid management systems. MAHLE employs approximately 48,000 employees in 110 production plants and seven research and development centers. In 2007, MAHLE generated sales in excess of EUR 5.0 billion (USD 7.5 billion).

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