

## **BREMBO INAUGURATED ITS NEW PRODUCTION CENTRE IN DABROWA GORNICZA**

**The new Brembo production centre, belonging to the world leader in design, development and production of high performance brake systems for cars, motorcycles and commercial vehicles, enables the group to better serve German, French, British and Italian client's facilities in Central-Eastern Europe.**

The official opening ceremony, which took place on Friday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of October at the Dabrowa Gornicza factory, was attended by Brembo President Alberto Bombassei, and representatives of Polish authorities, Italian authorities and international media.

*"It is my pleasure to open this new factory in Poland, which reinforces our presence in a country that is becoming the geographical center of the automotive industry in Europe. Our company celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year with strong positive financial results – said Alberto Bombassei, President of Brembo. As part of our continuous effort to better serve our clients with an international footprint and a worldwide shopfloor presence, we continuously explore new potential investment opportunities, like this one which recognizes and values Poland's engineering, manufacturing and technical skills".*

This new area requires investments for more than 100 million euros and is designed to fully integrate all the phases of the production value chain, from the receiving of raw materials to the shipping of the completed product.

It doubles the previous factory and now is based on a 90,000 square meters area. The new plant will employ 1200 people and thanks to 39 production lines and two foundries will double the production capacity.

The new Brembo plants at Dabrowa have been designed and built in accordance with the very latest criteria to guarantee quality, efficiency and care for the environment, with a view to minimizing waste and maximizing the recovery of energy. A few examples:

- Heat generated in the process of cooling the furnaces is reused to provide space heating
- Recycled foundry sands are "washed" using an advanced system allowing recovery of the bentonite content
- The filtration system for the furnaces is among the most innovative in the world
- The quality of parts produced is guaranteed by vision systems, by shot-blasting machines differentiated according to weight and size, and by automatic checks on moulds and flasks.

## **Brembo in Poland**

Brembo is present in Poland with 2 production sites.

The first one was opened in 1995 in Czestochowa to produce OE brake systems for commercial vehicles.

Since 2003, Brembo has also been operating from a second Polish site in Dabrowa Gornicza which at the beginning was a disc machining facility. In 2006 an empowerment of the plant was put in place, with a new cast iron foundry added.

The client portfolio of Brembo's Polish business now includes: Audi, BMW, Daimler, Fiat, Ford, Land Rover, PSA, Volvo, Iveco and Schmitz Cargo Bull.

### About Brembo SpA

Brembo SpA is the world leader and acknowledged innovator of the disc brake technology for automotive vehicles. Brembo supplies high performance brake systems - for the most important manufacturers of cars, commercial vehicles and motorbikes worldwide - as well as clutches, seats, seat belts and other components for racing only. Moreover, Brembo is also a leader in the racing sector and has won more than 200 championships. Today the company operates in 15 countries of 3 continents, with 35 production and business sites, and a pool of around 6000 employees, about 10% of whom are engineers and product specialists active in the R&D. 2010 turnover is € 1,075.3 million. Brembo is the owner of the Brembo, Breco, Bybre, Marchesini, Sabelt brands and operates through the AP Racing brand.

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