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thyssenkrupp opens new damper plant in Romania

- Investment of around 60 million euros
- Industrialization of new damper technology for future vehicle generations

thyssenkrupp today opened a new automotive components plant in Sibiu, Romania. The new site in Sibiu will produce dampers for customers including Daimler, Jaguar Land Rover and Porsche. The company built the new damper plant at a cost of around 60 million euros.

Dr. Karsten Kroos, CEO of thyssenkrupp's automotive division: "This is an investment not only in the targeted expansion of our European production network but also in newly obtained customer projects and new technologies. In Sibiu we will manufacture dampers to the highest technical standards for installation in our customers' premium models. At the same time we are in the process of industrializing an entirely new generation of dampers for highly automated intelligent chassis systems."

Active dampers of this kind no longer simply react to driving situations and road surfaces, they respond proactively to counter the forces acting on the chassis and provide an extremely smooth and comfortable driving experience.

thyssenkrupp has been producing dampers in Sibiu since 1996. The new plant is an extension to the existing production site. The company produces both components and complete damper systems for automotive OEMs and aftermarket suppliers. thyssenkrupp's investment has created more than 350 new jobs at the Sibiu location, which now employs around 1,000 people.

thyssenkrupp is one of the best-established manufacturers of damper systems. Under the Bilstein brand the company produces and markets these chassis components at eight locations in Europe, the USA and China. The damper business is part of the Group's components division, which produces high-tech components for the automotive and machinery sectors with over 34,000 employees worldwide. In fiscal year 2017/2018 the Components Technology business area achieved sales of around 7.9 billion euros.

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