

MAHLE Metal Leve opens new Tech Center

Jundiaí, June 26, 2008 - **MAHLE Metal Leve S.A. (BOVESPA: LEVE3, LEVE4)**, a leading manufacturer in the production of engine components in Brazil, opens today a highly modern new Tech Center in Jundiaí, State of São Paulo.

The newly built complex for research and development houses laboratories and test cells on a constructed area of 16.800 m² where more than 260 technicians will work on all its product range. This facility is completely integrated in a natural reserve occupying 25.000 m² of a 125.000 m² ground. Considering the Company will preserve another area of equal size, only 10% of the total will be used. Thousand of natives species were planted to preserve this area as an example of sustainable environmental integration.

As early as 1978, Metal Leve started operating a Tech Center in Santo Amaro near São Paulo which was initially dedicated to pistons and bearings technology. In the course of the years, ever more activities for piston rings, filters, valve train products, and the development services were added. As the capacities on the existing ground were no longer sufficient, a completely new Tech Center was established where existing as well as new activities are integrated.

During planning, construction, and operation of the new building, severe environmental restrictions were followed as the area is situated in the environmentally protected zone of the Japi Mountains. The architecture ideally combines advanced technology and environmental friendliness. The building is defined in several rings instead of floor levels and therefore accords harmoniously with the surrounding landscape. Thus, all laboratory installations could be located in bottom floors.

The Tech Center provides for the MAHLE Group the complete research and development as well as engineering and sales departments for South America. Customers are local and international vehicle and engine manufacturers.

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