



Effective support for time-critical conversion: Three new orders for KUKA

Augsburg/Bremen, 23 April 2020 – Converting existing assembly lines is time-critical and requires significant experience in systems engineering. Within the scope of two new orders, KUKA is leveraging its comprehensive expertise to provide support in the quick and efficient conversion of plants. In addition to this, KUKA has won a further order involving the implementation of an engine block assembly line.

KUKA Systems is converting an assembly line for a European vehicle manufacturer in order to integrate a new product family of differentials. A new line for engine block assembly – including system linking via transport system using driven workpiece carriers – will also be implemented.

KUKA acquired both orders in the single-digit million euro range in the fourth quarter of 2019. In the first quarter of 2020, a further order in the single-digit million euro range followed from a European automaker, for the integration of a new motor variant into an existing assembly line.

Conversion in no time at all with expert help

In industrial production, cycle time plays a pivotal role – particularly in the auto industry. Here, individual assembly steps are measured in seconds. At the same time, consumer requirements are increasing as demand grows for new vehicle variants and models. This requires state-of-the-art assembly lines and the rapid conversion of existing lines.

“Here at the KUKA site in Bremen, we have been developing automotive assembly systems for over 35 years and testing systems involving the powertrain since 2007. We know the technologies required for automated assembly tasks and have comprehensive process knowledge,” says Timo Heil, Vice President of

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KUKA Systems GmbH, Assembly & Test. “With this expertise, we help our customers modernize their assembly lines in the shortest amount of time and thus make them more flexible.”

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