

## Press Release

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### **Voith Industrial Services Supports Ford's Logistics Activities in Ohio, USA**

- **further expansion of partnership**
- **Inspection, inventory management of new vehicles, loading and unloading of railcars**
- **IT Solutions, Facility Management, Carrier Communications are all included in the inventory management responsibilities**

Avon Lake, Ohio, USA, (January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016) – Voith Industrial Services provides vehicle processing and yard management services for Ford's North American operations. In addition to managing select services at Michigan Assembly Plant, Voith now supports Ford Ohio Assembly Plant in Avon Lake. The plant produces Ford E-Series Cutaway and Chassis models as well as the F-650 and F-750.

Voith Industrial Services is responsible for the first steps in delivering the vehicles from the plant to the customer, including: loading and unloading trains and staging car haulers as well as delivering the vehicles to three different upfitters – all which are within 10 miles of the plant. Furthermore, the industrial services provider is responsible for acceptance, vehicle inspection, on-site and off-site inventory management, and launch support.

The automotive team of Voith Industrial Services is familiar with Ohio Assembly because it has been in charge of technical cleaning there for 7 years. "We are very pleased about this contract. Because of our comprehensive experience and efficient way of working, we were able to prepare an attractive and suitable offer," said Peter Holcombe, Director of Business Development at Voith Industrial Services.

An advantage for Ford is the use of AVAILS, a suite of third party IT solutions designed to provide leading edge solutions in a variety of logistics disciplines. The system features electronic interfaces and allows customer-specific reporting as well as real-time data management. It makes faster, more efficient vehicle coordination possible, which results in cost savings and operational excellence.

**About Voith Industrial Services:**

Voith Industrial Services is one of the leading providers of technical services for key industries such as the automotive, rail, energy, chemical and petrochemical industries. In 2014/2015, the company generated sales of €1.0 billion with about 17,200 employees at approx. 200 locations worldwide.

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