

NGK Spark Plug plans to expand spark plug production capabilities by 30 percent by 2020 and inaugurates new factory

Ratingen, 21.06.2016 – To meet increasing demand in its markets, NGK Spark Plug Europe's parent company NGK Spark Plug Co., Ltd. is expanding its production capabilities for spark plugs. In doing so, the ignition and sensor specialist recently put a new plant into operation in Komaki, Japan.

The sails are set for expansion: By 2020, NGK Spark Plug Co., Ltd., the world's leading spark plug manufacturer, plans to have reached an annual production capacity of one billion spark plugs – 30 percent more than its capacity today.

To reach this goal, NGK constructed an additional production plant for spark plug components with about 26,000 square metres of production area at the company's traditional site in Komaki. Construction started in May 2015. The plant was completed in March 2016 and required an investment of seven billion Yen (approximately 57 million euros). The factory will primarily manufacture centre electrodes and components for spark plug terminals. It is designed to be environmentally friendly, with low energy consumption and geothermal energy used for the air conditioning system.

About NGK Spark Plug: NGK Spark Plug is one of the leading automotive suppliers. Specialised in the fields of ignition and sensor technology, the Company supplies customers in Original Equipment and Aftermarket across the globe. Its product portfolio comprises spark plugs, glow plugs, ignition coils and ignition leads under the brand NGK Ignition Parts as well as lambda sensors, exhaust gas temperature sensors and NOx sensors under the brand NTK Vehicle Electronics. The Company runs production plants and sales organisations all over the world. With a total of 13,000 employees, it generates an annual turnover of around 2.7 billion euros. NGK is represented on all continents and has 43 group companies, 24 production plants and 5 technical centres.

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