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PRESS RELEASE

AMCHAM GERMANY'S 28TH TRANSATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP AWARD

AmCham Germany presents Transatlantic Partnership Award to Airbus Group and United Technologies

Award Ceremony in Berlin with Dr. Thomas Enders and Gregory J. Hayes

Laudation by Dr. Manfred Bischoff, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Daimler AG

Berlin/Frankfurt am Main, March 5, 2015 – The American Chamber of Commerce in Germany (“AmCham Germany”) will present its 28th Transatlantic Partnership Award tonight. The awardees are Europe’s largest aerospace company Airbus Group and United Technologies (UTC), a Hartford, Connecticut, USA based, provider of high technology products and services to the building and aerospace industries. The Award Ceremony will take place during a Gala Event at the Allianz Forum in Berlin. CEOs Dr. Thomas Enders and Gregory J. Hayes will accept the award on behalf of both companies. Approximately 150 guests from business, politics, media, academia and the humanities are expected to attend the Award Ceremony.

The Jury of AmCham Germany’s Transatlantic Partnership Award has chosen to recognize Airbus Group and United Technologies as prime examples of dedicated, globally-connected businesses. Both of these companies embody the success story that is transatlantic trade and serve as a positive signal for the ongoing TTIP negotiations.

Bernhard Mattes, President of AmCham Germany, summarizes the partnership as follows: “These two companies not only support thousands of jobs with their products and services on both sides of the Atlantic. They also show us that businesses can be both partners and competitors at the same time. Cooperation pushes the boundaries of innovation, while competition encourages hard work



and fosters excellence. By paying tribute to Airbus and United Technologies, AmCham Germany is sending a clear and encouraging message that TTIP is not only an achievable and worthy endeavour. In certain industries, it is already a reality!”

Laudation by Dr. Manfred Bischoff // Collective commitments to open markets and free trade by Airbus and United Technologies

The Award Ceremony includes a laudation by Dr. Manfred Bischoff, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Daimler AG. When speaking about this year’s awardees, Dr. Bischoff references the importance of historical events such as the Berlin Airlift and the strong foundation they have set for German-American partnership. According to Bischoff, the aviation industry has not just contributed to transatlantic relations in the past, but still does so to this day – for example, by serving as a role model for the success of transatlantic trade.

“The balancing between competition and cooperation can only be managed by a very committed team. You need people who love their jobs and who go beyond the ordinary measure. And you need strong leaders living the transatlantic idea. Tom Enders and Gregory J. Hayes are very exemplary themselves in this respect. They have proven that transatlantic cooperation is as important as competition.” Dr. Bischoff also notes the symbolic importance these two companies have for TTIP: “From a political perspective, Airbus Group and UTC send a positive signal to the ongoing negotiations on TTIP, which is more than ever of strategic importance considering the various trouble spots all over the world. Europe and the United States of America are strong partners and TTIP has the potential to bind our nations even closer together.”

Dr. Thomas Enders, CEO of Airbus Group, emphasizes the strong relationship between Airbus and UTC as follows: “In the aeronautic sector, US- and European industries are not only fierce competitors in some fields but also, at the same time, strong partners in others. The Airbus-UTC relationship perfectly embodies this cooperate-and-compete approach across the Atlantic on which we both thrive and on which we base our respective investments in Europe and America. Hence our strong support for TTIP which we see as a once-in-a-generation chance to foster an even stronger economic and political bond between Europe and the US for the decades ahead. It is therefore with pride that I accept, jointly with my UTC-colleague and on behalf of 140,000 Airbus-employees, this distinguished award.”

UTC President and CEO Gregory J. Hayes, recognizes the long and successful partnership and also states that “tonight’s event serves to remind us of our obligation as business leaders to be strong advocates, shaping the public debate on the many benefits of expanding trade - driving economic growth, raising standards of living, and spurring innovation. As the leader of a company that sells everything from jet engines to elevators to air-conditioning systems in 183 countries, with over 60% of its sales and its workforce outside of the United States, I can say with great confidence that UTC understands the value of free trade agreements and will continue to be a strong advocate for more.”



Gala Event at the Allianz Forum in the Heart of Berlin

The Award Ceremony will take place during a special Gala Event at the Allianz Forum in Berlin. Approximately 150 guests from business, politics, media, academia and the humanities are expected to attend.

Jay Ralph, Board Member of Allianz SE, emphasizes the historic responsibility of both sides of the Atlantic Partnership, which has mastered many crises already to the benefit of all. "The further opening of global markets presently imposes new challenges upon us, which require political willpower and mutual understanding of competitive issues caused by differing regulatory systems. Politicians and corporations will need to cooperate closely in order to overcome obstacles."

Media Information

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The Award

AmCham Germany's Transatlantic Partnership Award pays tribute to the history of German-American friendship. It is awarded yearly during a Gala Dinner in Berlin to an individual or organization which has made a significant contribution to transatlantic relations. An international jury chaired by the President of the American Chamber of Commerce, Bernhard Mattes, determines the award recipients. The award is non-monetary.

Award Recipients (2014-2008):

The Airbus Group and United Technologies (2014),
Die Berliner Philharmoniker and The New York Philharmonic (2013),
Dirk Nowitzki (2012), Bill Gates (2011), Prof. Hasso Plattner (2010),
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (2009), Dr. Jürgen Weber (2008).

The American Chamber of Commerce in Germany e.V.

With approximately 3,000 members, the American Chamber of Commerce in Germany (AmCham Germany) is the largest bilateral trade association in Europe. The Chamber serves as a bridge linking investors in the United States. Our mission is to promote German-American economic ties and further the competitiveness of Germany as a business location.

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