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PPG Executives to Discuss Paints, Coatings Technologies for Autonomous Driving, Electric Vehicle Batteries at Automobili-D Conference

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PITTSBURGH--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- PPG (NYSE: PPG) today announced that members of its leadership team will participate in panel discussions covering autonomous and electric vehicle technologies during the 2018 Automobili-D exposition and conference, Jan. 14-20 at Cobo Center in Detroit. Held in conjunction with the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS), Automobili-D is a global forum for mobility-focused companies, organizations and thought leaders.

David Bem, PPG vice president of science and technology and chief technology officer, will take part in a discussion titled "Formation of the Autonomous Drive Industry" on Wednesday, Jan. 17, from 12:30-1:15 p.m. Bem will discuss the important functional roles of coatings that will be used on interior and exterior surfaces of autonomous vehicles. Joining Bem on the panel will be Samit Ghosh, CEO and president of P3 North America; David Silver, head of self-driving car development for Udacity; and Geoffrey Wood, director of business development, North America, for Harman. The discussion will be moderated by Ed Olson, co-founder and CEO of May Mobility.

On Thursday, Jan. 18, Gary Danowski, PPG vice president, Automotive OEM Coatings, will be one of three industry thought leaders participating in the "Electric Vehicle Technologies" panel discussion. Danowski will highlight several emerging opportunities for new coatings technologies within the electric vehicle category. He will be joined by Marcus Dold, CEO of eCharge.work, and Jörg Heuer, CEO of EcoG. The session, which will take place from 2:30-3:15 p.m., will be moderated by Alysia Malek, co-founder and COO of May Mobility.

PPG has developed a broad portfolio of advanced coatings that play key roles in the development and deployment of autonomous and electric vehicles. These products include exterior coatings that enhance vehicle visibility to light detection and ranging (LIDAR) systems; easy-to-clean coatings that help prevent obstruction of autonomous vehicle sensors; and environmentally-sensitive cathode and anode coatings used to store and transfer energy within modern lithium ion batteries.

"PPG is playing a leading role in pioneering functional paints and coatings technologies that will help enhance the performance, safety and sustainability of autonomous and electric vehicles," said Bem. "We are pleased to have the opportunity to discuss the ever-growing role of coatings science in the mobility market."

Added Danowski, "Automobili-D is an ideal forum for exploring opportunities to accelerate the development of powerful new mobility solutions, many of which will be enabled by current and future coatings technologies from PPG."

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