



**Calsonic Kansei Appoints Dr. Detlef Juerss as Chief Commercial Officer (Non-Japan),
Global Sales Co-Leader and Chief Technology & Engineering Officer**

Ensuring a superb global customer experience and accelerating innovation

SAITAMA, Japan – March 15, 2019 – Calsonic Kansei Corporation (President & CEO: Beda Bolzenius, Headquarters: Kita-ku, Saitama City) today announced the appointment of Dr. Detlef Juerss as Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) (Non-Japan), Global Sales Co-Leader and Chief Technology & Engineering Officer (CTEO) effective April 1st 2019. Dr. Juerss will report directly to Beda Bolzenius, CEO, Calsonic Kansei.

Beda Bolzenius said “To achieve our goal of becoming a leading global Tier 1 automotive supplier, Detlef will play a pivotal role in driving the company’s global product and commercial strategy to ensure a best in class customer experience in addition to driving innovation and technology to support launch of cutting-edge products into the market.”

Detlef was previously Vice President, Engineering, Innovation and CTO, Adient Ltd., a global leader in the automotive seating industry, where he played a key role in leading nearly 5,500 engineers and designers of seat systems, seating components, aircraft seat systems and overhead systems. Prior to that, he held various global management positions at Johnson Controls Automotive and Johnson Controls Automotive Seating, including Group Vice President Seating Components, GVP Global Engineering, GVP Customer Group European OEM.

Detlef said “I am truly honored to join Calsonic Kansei and be a part of the company’s exciting journey in the global automotive market. I look forward to contributing my comprehensive product development, customer and commercial experience as well as my extensive innovation expertise to further strengthen the company’s position as a leading global Tier 1 automotive supplier.”

Dr. Juerss will assume responsibility as CTEO from Hideto Murakami, Executive Vice President and present CTEO who will become a Fellow, also effective from April 1st 2019. Mr. Murakami will continue to support the company’s various key initiatives utilizing his accumulated comprehensive expertise and experience in automotive industry over many years.



<About Calsonic Kansei>

Headquartered in Japan, Calsonic Kansei is a global automotive components manufacturer. Calsonic Kansei is an important partner to automotive manufacturers across the world and is proud to supply the world's leading automotive brands.

All Calsonic Kansei plants, including the Testing Research Center, R&D Center and Headquarters have obtained the ISO 14001 Environment Management System certification and all Calsonic Kansei plants have obtained the IATF 16949 Quality Management System certification for the automotive industry.

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