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Strong presence at Marintec China

The marine fair Marintec is being held in Shanghai, China, from December 1 to 4. For the sixth time, KS Kolbenschmidt GmbH, represented by its subsidiary KSLP (China) Co. Ltd., will be exhibiting in the German Pavilion.

"We wish to take the opportunity offered by Marintec China to cultivate existing customer ties, establish new ones and generally enhance awareness of our company on the Asian market. Also important for us are talks with potential suppliers of piston blanks," explains Wolfgang Hartmann, Head of Large-Bore Pistons at KS Kolbenschmidt, adding, *"With our new KSLP location in Kunshan we are promoting our growth strategy in the Chinese market of importance to us. This strategic importance is also being emphasized by our attendance at Marintec."* The location opened two years ago, at present employs a workforce of 53. Customers already include the Asian licensees of MAN Diesel & Turbo SE and a joint venture of Finland's Wärtsilä Corporation.

On show will be chiefly pistons with a bore of up to 350 mm destined for customers in Asia. These are mainly marine engine pistons for smaller and mid-size vessels. The engines are used for the main propulsion system or auxiliary power generation. Another application is in locomotive engines.

KS Kolbenschmidt's large-bore pistons can be found in the main and auxiliary propulsion systems of such important cruise liners as Allure of the Seas, container and other freight vessels as well as power plant pistons. Currently, the Company is supplying efficient piston solutions complying with IMO II emission regulations and others issued by numerous nations. IMO II requires a significant reduction of nitrogen oxide emissions in maritime applications. Even now, KS Kolbenschmidt is working on solutions for compliance with the next emission tier, IMO III.

KS Kolbenschmidt GmbH is a member of the KSPG Group, an international first-tier auto-industry supplier with over 40 locations in Europe, the Americas, Japan, India, and China. Sales in 2014 totaled over €2.4 billion. Around the world, some

11,000 employees develop and manufacture engine components, assemblies, and modules

Marintec China ranks as Asia's leading maritime fair and is held every two years. Exhibition focal points include marine technology, navigation systems, shipbuilding, and ship engines.