

GM Takes Step to Speed Up Autonomous Tech

General Motors Co. is acquiring Cruise Automation to add Cruise's software talent and development capability to further accelerate GM's development of autonomous vehicle technology, said GM spokesman Alan Adler.

"Fully autonomous vehicles can bring our customers enormous benefits in terms of greater convenience, lower cost and improved safety for their daily mobility needs," said GM President Dan Ammann.

Cruise, Ammann said, will operate as an independent unit within GM's recently formed Autonomous Vehicle Development Team led by Doug Parks, GM vice president of Autonomous Technology and Vehicle Execution, and will continue to be based in San Francisco.

Founded in 2013, Cruise has moved quickly to develop and test autonomous vehicle technology in San Francisco's challenging city environment, Adler said.

"GM's commitment to autonomous vehicles is inspiring, deliberate, and completely in line with our vision to make transportation safer and more accessible," said Kyle Vogt, founder of Cruise Automation.

"We are excited to be partnering with GM and believe this is a groundbreaking and necessary step toward rapidly commercial-

izing autonomous vehicle technology."

"Cruise provides our company with a unique technology advantage that is unmatched in our industry," said Mark Reuss, GM executive vice president, Global Product Development, Purchasing and Supply Chain. "We intend to invest significantly to further grow the talent base and capabilities already established by the Cruise team."

The acquisition of Cruise is GM's latest step toward its goal of redefining the future of personal mobility, Reuss said. Since the beginning of the year, GM has allied with ride-sharing company Lyft; formed Maven, its personal mobility brand for car-sharing fleets in many U.S. cities, and established a separate unit for autonomous vehicle development.



Ammann (right) with Cruise Automation co-founders Kyle Vogt (center) and Daniel Kan (left)

Warren Furniture Chain Grows with Hillside Purchase

Warren-based Art Van Furniture is expanding its operations in Southeast Michigan.

The company has purchased Bloomfield Hills-based Hillside Contemporary Furniture and its real estate assets from the company's founder and owner, Bruce Selik, said Art Van spokeswoman Diane Charles.

Hillside has been in operation for 42 years and its 46,000-square-foot store, located on Telegraph Road, will continue to operate under the Hillside name as the newest addition to Art Van's umbrella of brands, Charles said.

"Hillside Furniture has been one of metro Detroit's most respected names in contemporary home furnishings for many years," said Art Van Elslander, chairman of Art Van Furniture.

"This acquisition is a wonderful opportunity for us to serve new customers, and we're honored to be entrusted with the brand Bruce has worked so hard to build."

Selik's son Jeff will serve as general manager of the store and all of Hillside's sales associates are expected to be hired by Art Van, Charles said. Art Van CEO Kim Yost called the sale a real win for consumers.



Student Sophie Martin shows her experiment to judge James Boileau.

Students Compete in Cobo STEM Fair

by Jim Stickford

The 59th annual Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit (SEFMD) took place at the Cobo Center in Detroit March 8-12.

SEFMD spokesman and retired architect Jim Meloche said the fair showcases more than 2,800 students from the 6th through 12th grades, representing Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. This year's Fair comprises over 2,300 innovative projects in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) disciplines.

"I want to say that there is significant representation from Detroit Public Schools: 37 schools participating, 854 individual en-

tries, 194 team projects," Meloche said. "These numbers are significant because Detroit schools are having financial difficulties, but the administration realizes the value of STEM."

Meloche said his first involvement with the fair dates back to the 1960s, but he's been on its board for the past decade.

"SEFMD judges come mostly from the auto industry," Meloche said. "Ford especially, but also Chrysler and GM. We also have a few judges from academia - Wayne State, Oakland University, U-D Mercy. This year there are 20 different scientific categories in which students can participate. They range from biochemistry to

chemistry to mathematics to robotics."

The competition is separated into two groups - junior division (6th, 7th and 8th grades) and senior division (9th-12th grades), Meloche said. Students are judged within their respective categories based on scientific discipline. Up to six students - limit of one student per school in the senior division - and one team project (two or three students) may be selected to participate in the 2016 International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Phoenix.

"What's interesting is that the

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Mural Helps Build Meritor's Teamwork

It can be difficult to perform team-building exercises when you have teams spread out around the world.

Meritor, Inc. is a global supplier of drivetrain, mobility, braking and aftermarket solutions for commercial vehicle and industrial markets, and the company found a way around that problem, said Meritor spokeswoman Cheryl Kilborn.

The solution - have all eight of the Meritor's procurement teams work together on one project by creating a mural consisting of eight different elements completed by eight different teams.

The results of that philosophy were unveiled in Troy on March 10 in the form of a 5-by-20-foot mural, Kilborn said. An artist, Daniel Cascardo, drew an overall design on a single canvas, based on input from the different teams about their jobs and functions within the company.

"It was sort of like a coloring book page," Kilborn said. "The design was divided into eight pieces and sent to the different teams. They then filled in their portions of the design with their own colors and even added their own personal touches."

The pieces were sent back to Troy, where Cascardo put them back together in the shape of a truck.

The colorful mural representing Meritor's business, products and work environment now hangs in the Troy lobby for visitors, customers and recruits to see, Kilborn said.

"We're serious about being a great place to work because companies perform better when they have engaged teams of people who feel valued and have fun in the workplace," said Jon Rose, vice president, Procurement.

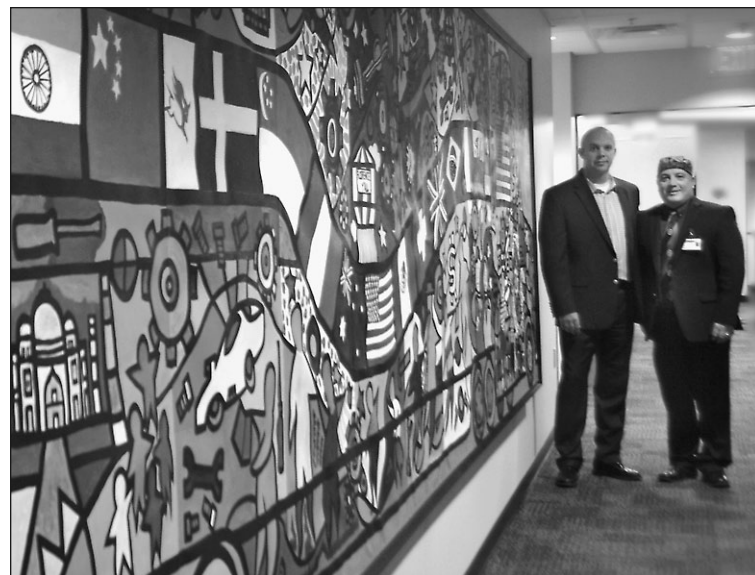
"Although effective global team-building can be a challenge,

we united procurement employees across borders and built relationships by teaming up to paint segments of the mural."

Meritor Procurement teams in the United States, the United Kingdom, India, China, Sweden, Italy, Switzerland and Brazil submitted photos symbolizing their country, workplace and Meritor products to Cascardo.

Groups of employees at each location painted their portion of the mural, Kilborn said. The team in Italy, for example, painted a fighter plane because Meritor's Cameri facility once produced military hardware. Teams in Bangalore, India painted the Taj Mahal, and Florence, Kentucky employees painted one of their city's landmark images - a water tower with the saying, "Florence Y'All."

Teams were encouraged to be creative when painting in the white space, Kilborn said Dave



Rose, left, and Cascardo with mural in Meritor's Troy headquarters

Rice, a forward program specialist as well as a U.S. Army veteran based at Troy headquarters, painted the American flag into a free-flowing ribbon that runs through part of the mural. When

finished, the individual segments were returned to Cascardo for assembly into a single mural.

Artist Cascardo, based in

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2016 GMC Yukon Denali

Yukon Called Family-Friendly

U.S. News & World Report last week announced the 2016 GMC Yukon is the Best Large SUV for Families, praising the vehicle for its capability, features and comforts.

"The Yukon has the most family-friendly features in the class," said Jamie Page Deaton, managing editor for U.S. News Best Cars blog. "The Apple CarPlay and in-car Wi-Fi are really cutting edge, standout features. The Yukon also won because it has such a high U.S. News score – it gets really positive reviews not only for its space and comfort, but also its performance."

Evaluation and methodology for the award included: overall sentiment of professional automotive reviews, safety and reliability ratings, seating and cargo volume and the availability of family-friendly features.

"The GMC lineup is designed with the expectation of premium comforts, utility and unique features for any passenger," said Duncan Aldred, vice president of GMC Sales and Marketing.

"The Yukon is no exception as it is highly sought-after for its styling, spaciousness and family-oriented design. It is an exceptional honor to be named the best large SUV for families by U.S. News & World Report in a category so important to our customers and our brand."

Aldred also said that the Yukon is great for families looking for that cut above – offers everything – "tons of room for people and their things, premium features like 4G LTE wifi, adaptive cruise control, premium styling, just to name some."

The Yukon also was recently ranked highest in its segment for the third straight year in the 2016 J.D. Power Vehicle Dependability Study.

Aldred said that GMC worked hard on the design and the technology that went into the Yukon and that winning this award was not a surprise, but "it was a nice validation for us."

Warren Schools Holding Senior Day

Warren Consolidated Schools is holding a special "Senior Citizens Showcase" on Tuesday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the WCS Administration Building, 31300 Anita Drive in Warren.

The event is meant to show the school district's senior citizens what's going on at the schools.

Area Students Enjoy Detroit Science Fair

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students come up with their issues or projects and then solve them themselves," Meloche said.

"Last year, we had a winner from Detroit who developed a presentation on autistic behavior and the special needs autistic students have. He then made proposals on how their lives can be made better. It turns out that this student was autistic himself.

"This year, there are at least two dozen projects based around the problem of and the solution to the quality of municipal water."

The students are helped by their teachers and they attend a couple of special classes at the Detroit Public Library headquarters on how to develop and present their projects.

Judges such as Ford Tech Specialist James Boileau reviewed the students' experiments and came up with evaluations.

"I love being a part of this," Meloche said. "The kids are so enthusiastic and as a board member and not a judge, I get to help them with their projects and presentations to the judges. I love how comfortable and capable these students are in their presentations to the judges."

The Science and Engineering

Fair could not function without the assistance of volunteers and sponsors, Meloche said. Members of the Operating Council direct over 40 volunteers for set-up, support and tear-down each year. In addition, almost 200 judges from Detroit's engineering community evaluate the submissions and select the best of the best.

This year, Meloche said that five corporations are acting as the main sponsors for the SEFMD event – Toyota Motor Corporation, DTE Energy, Comerica Bank, Marathon Oil Corporation and Ford Motor Company.

Meloche said the winners will be named after the end of the show.

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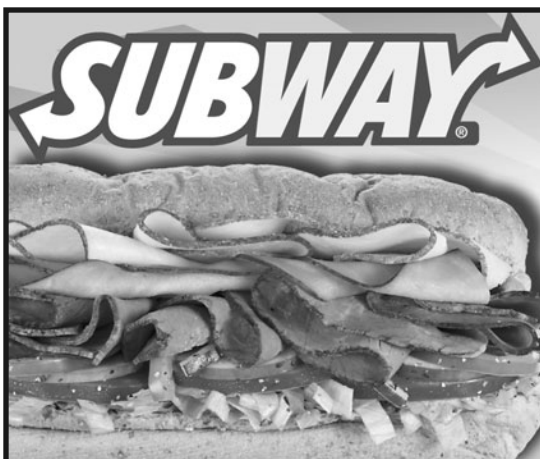
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Cadillac's XT5 Crossover, CT6 Sedan Set to Debut

The Cadillac brand sold 18,096 new vehicles globally in February, as it continued its focus on building a stronger foundation for growth, said Cadillac spokesman David Caldwell.

Cadillac now enters a period of key product launches in its largest markets. These moves are designed to expand its portfolio and reinforce the rising stature of the brand, Caldwell said.

Initial deliveries of the new CT6 flagship sedan will begin globally this month, followed closely by the first-ever XT5 luxury crossover, which enters the luxury market's strongest segment.

"We're building a strong foundation of product substance and luxury brand appeal on a global basis, elevating every aspect of our business," said Cadillac President Johan de Nysschen.

"We continue to see consumers selecting a richer mix of models. The latest available data shows Cadillac with the highest average transaction prices (\$54,000) in the U.S. market among mainstream luxury brands.

"With rising brand prestige, the stage is set for the launch of two all-new models – the CT6 prestige sedan and XT5 luxury crossover."

Cadillac's February sales grew slightly in the U.S., while results in China were down 16 percent

for the month, Caldwell said, as the company phases out the importation to that market of the popular SRX crossover, in preparation for the new XT5 crossover model.

Cadillac closed 2015 as the fastest-growing luxury brand in China. In February, Cadillac's sales in Canada – its third-largest market – continued to grow, increasing 44.5 percent in February, Caldwell said.

"Cadillac's business in Canada has doubled over the past three years, driven by increasing demand for our transformed product portfolio and reflecting the enhanced stature of the brand," de Nysschen said.

Caldwell said that according to J.D. Power data from mid-February, strong demand for Cadillac in the domestic market has driven inventories lower as the brand prepares to launch two new product lines now.

Cadillac's February sales globally included a 17 percent decline in the sale of the ATS model, going from 4,046 to 3,358. Sales for the Escalade, on the other hand, saw a 24.5 percent increase, going from 2,717 in February of 2015 to 3,383 this year.

Overall, Caldwell said, Cadillac sales for the year so far are statistically indential to 2015. This year the brand has sold 38,721 compared to last year's 38,738.



2017 Cadillac XT5

Feds Checking F-150 Brakes

DETROIT (AP) – The U.S. government is investigating complaints that the brakes can fail on Ford's F-150 pickup truck, one of the most popular vehicles in the nation.

Ford's F-Series pickup is the top-selling vehicle in the U.S., and the F-150 accounts for two-thirds of those sales.

The probe covers about 420,000 pickups with 3.5-liter, six-cylinder engines from the 2013 and 2014 model years, according to documents posted March 4 on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website.

The agency says it has 33 complaints about the problem, including some drivers reporting that the pedals can suddenly go to the floor with a complete loss of braking. Four drivers reported that the problem caused crashes, although there were no injuries. The agency reported that 31 of the complaints from F-150 drivers came in the past year, with 20 in the past seven months.

Some of the drivers reported that mechanics told them brake fluid had leaked from the master cylinder to the brake booster, causing the problem.

Ford said it takes customer safety seriously and will cooperate with the investigation. Trucks with other engines could also be covered. Ford says F-150s with other engines have the same braking system.

One owner from San Marcos, Calif., told NHTSA that he was backing his pickup out of the

driveway in May of 2015 when the pedal went to the floor and he completely lost his brakes. The pickup crossed the street, went over a curb and hit a neighbor's landscape wall, causing severe damage, the driver wrote.

"I am surprised that there has been no action on this issue yet – the complete failure of the most important safety system of a 2.5-ton-plus vehicle," the driver wrote. Drivers who file complaints with NHTSA are not identified in the agency's database.

NHTSA investigators will check into how often the problem happens and how large it might be to decide whether a recall is necessary.

Ford sold 763,402 F-series pickups in 2013 and another 753,851 in 2014, according to Autodata Corp.

The investigation isn't the first into brake problems with Ford's flagship F-150. Last June, NHTSA began looking into complaints that the power brake assist can fail on about 250,000 pickups from the 2011 and 2012 model years that also have 3.5-liter engines. It's a problem that apparently is not related to the investigation just announced.

In October, the agency upgraded the probe to an engineering analysis, taking it a step closer to a recall. Investigators found 432 complaints, seven crashes, one injury and 6,476 warranty claims related to the electric brake vacuum pump. The problem happens after starting a cold engine or at low speeds when power brake boost is used.

Drugged Driving Suit Aimed at Teenagers

It's been said that teenagers think they're immortal and are apt to do stupid things like drink and drive. Ford would like to stop all teens from thinking that way.

That's where Ford Driving Skills for Life comes in, said Ford spokesman John Cangany. The company launches its 13th global tour with the addition of a new Drugged Driving Suit for its U.S. curriculum that's designed to stress the dangers of driving while impaired.

The program expands this year as Driving Skills for Life takes its training across the United States and travels to six additional countries worldwide.

The 2016 program also provides experiences with a Drunk Driving Suit, which debuted in 2013, Cangany said.

Students attending ride-and-drive events will wear both suits to gain perspective on how being impaired can slow movement, reduce coordination, blur vision and make tasks difficult.

They'll also learn the importance of safety belt use and pedestrian safety, and about the risks of drowsy driving.

"Our 2016 program features some of the newest and most innovative tools available to teach new drivers to be safe and make sound decisions behind the wheel," said Jim Graham, manager of Ford Driving Skills for Life.

"Our new Drugged Driving Suit is intended to complement our Drunk Driving Suit, giving students a critical eye into the consequences of impaired driving."

Driving Skills for Life takes its training to 15 stops in the United States this year, Cangany said, including Alabama, Arizona, California, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Texas.

The safe driving message also expands globally as the tour travels to Argentina, Bahrain, Finland, Oman, Poland and South Korea.

American Axle Adds to Guys' Responsibilities

American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings, Inc. (AAM), has expanded the role of Philip R. Guys. He currently is the vice president of Driveline Product Engineering and will assume the title of chief technology officer (CTO).

Guys will continue to have responsibility for AAM's global driveline product and advanced engineering organization, which includes over 1,500 engineers, scientists and technologists located in 14 technology and development centers around the world. With the addition of CTO to his formal title and responsibilities, Guys will now also lead the company's innovation strategy and roadmap while driving the design and development of advanced technologies as part of AAM's growth plan.

"Phil's leadership style, steadfast integrity and immense knowledge of systems integration and design will serve him well in this expanded role," said AAM Chairman & Chief Executive Officer David C. Dauch. "Including the responsibilities of CTO further strengthens AAM's commitment to being a technology leader in our industry. We will continue to deliver powerful and efficient products and solutions that are smarter and safer for our customers all around the world."

Guys has over 30 years of automotive experience and leadership in the design, development and manufacture of driveline and drivetrain products and systems.



Drugged Driving Suit is designed to stress dangers of impaired driving.

To date, Driving Skills for Life has reached 800,000 new drivers of all ages with free ride-and-drive courses, school and community events, and its interactive website.

By the end of 2016, Cangany said the program will have reached 1 million people in 35 countries.

"Despite progress in recent years, teens continue to be over-represented in motor vehicle crashes and fatalities across the country," said Jonathan Adkins, executive director, Governors Highway Safety Association.

"For this reason, the association and the State Highway Safety Offices are looking forward to bringing this powerful program to even more teens and their parents – coast to coast and around the globe."

Ford Driving Skills for Life was established in 2003 by Ford Motor Company Fund, Governors Highway Safety Association and a panel of safety experts with the mission of teaching newly licensed drivers the necessary skills for safer driving and the

importance of making good decisions behind the wheel.

Through free, hands-on ride-and-drive courses, classroom material and an interactive website, the core curriculum focuses on vehicle handling, hazard recognition, speed management and space management, which account for 60 percent of all crashes.

In its first 12 years, Ford Driving Skills for Life provided hands-on training to more than 41,000 teens in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

Thousands of teens and parents have used the Web-based curriculum at www.drivingskillsforlife.com.

"Ford Driving Skills for Life has grown in both content and reach since it launched 13 years ago," said Graham.

"We focus on parental behavior, because research shows it has an impact on teen driving behavior."

"And we continue to modify the program to keep up with an ever-evolving world that newly licensed drivers must face."

VW Looking for a Break In U.S. Decision on Fines

BERLIN (AP) – The head of Volkswagen's employee council said March 8 he hopes that American authorities will consider the potential fallout on jobs in the U.S. and beyond as they mull what fines to impose on the company over its emissions-rigging scandal.

The cost to Volkswagen of the scandal that erupted in September remains unclear. In January, the U.S. Justice Department sued it over the emissions-cheating software found in hundreds of thousands of vehicles sold in the country, potentially exposing VW to more than \$20 billion in penalties for clean air violations.

The company and its executives could also still face separate criminal charges, while a raft of private class-action lawsuits filed by angry VW owners are pending.

"If Volkswagen's sustainability is endangered by a penalty of a so-far unique size, this will also have dramatic social consequences – not just at our U.S. locations, but also in Europe and elsewhere," the company's influential employee council chief, Bernd Osterloh, told a workers' assembly at VW's Wolfsburg headquarters.

"We very much hope that U.S. authorities also ultimately have this social and employment dimension in view," he added, news agency dpa reported.

News of the scandal broke on Sept. 18 when the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Volkswagen had installed software on 482,000 cars that enabled them to cheat on emissions tests. Four days later, Volkswagen said about 11 million

diesel vehicles worldwide were fitted with the software.

The governor of Volkswagen's home state of Lower Saxony, who sits on Volkswagen's supervisory board as a minority shareholder, cautioned that more bad news can be expected.

"We will repeatedly be confronted this year with unpleasant news in connection with 'Dieselgate,'" Stephan Weil told workers. He didn't elaborate.

Prosecutors in Germany have been investigating suspected fraud connected to the emissions-rigging scandal since September.

On March 9, Braunschweig prosecutors' spokesman Klaus Ziehe confirmed a report by the Funke newspaper group March 8 that the number of people under investigation has increased to 17 from six.

He didn't identify them or give further details, though the newspaper report said without citing sources that the suspects didn't include any current or former management board members.

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GM Facilities Earn Award for Smaller Carbon Footprint

Eleven General Motors facilities have earned ENERGY STAR certification for superior energy efficiency from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

These buildings, which include seven parts distribution centers, a global headquarters office and three IT innovation office centers, have optimized their buildings to leave a smaller carbon footprint, said GM spokeswoman Colleen Oberc.

To earn ENERGY STAR certification, buildings must perform better in energy efficiency than 75 percent of similar buildings nationwide and meet strict energy efficiency performance levels set by the EPA.

"It makes good business sense to pursue a greener product in every segment of the value chain," said Al Hildreth, GM's global energy manager. "This includes the areas that support our business and keep our company running optimally, like our efficient warehouses, IT centers and office buildings."

GM leads the automotive industry in certified distribution centers, Hildreth said. The following Customer Care and After-sales facilities, which supply automotive parts to dealerships and customers for vehicle repair, achieved certification:

- Customer Care and After-sales World Headquarters, Grand Blanc;
- Denver Parts Distribution Center, Colo.;
- Fontana Parts Distribution Center, Calif.;
- Lansing National Parts Distribution Center;
- Martinsburg Parts Distribution Center, W. Va.;
- Memphis ACDelco Parts Distribution Center, Tenn.;

- Rancho Cucamonga Parts Distribution Center, Calif.;
- Willow Run Parts Distribution Center.

These facilities implemented a number of energy conservation projects. The Grand Blanc facility installed energy-efficient LED lighting, upgraded heating and cooling systems, and engaged employees in a "Bring Your Green to Work" event with local energy utilities to discuss energy-saving ideas for both the home and office, Hildreth said.

"This recognition demonstrates the collaborative work by our employees who are focused on saving energy and improving our efficiency," said Tim Turvey, GM Customer Care and After-sales global vice president.

Additionally, three new GM IT innovation office centers earned certification:

- The Arizona IT Innovation Center in Chandler uses solar to power 9 percent of its monthly energy use.
- The Georgia IT Innovation Center in Roswell installed an advanced intelligent boiler control to optimize energy efficiency.
- The Austin IT Innovation Center in Texas sets workplace and conference room lighting to operate at 50 percent of maximum output.

These three sites house software developers, project managers, database experts and other IT professionals supporting GM's business worldwide, Oberc said.

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Volkswagen's U.S. CEO Steps Down Over Emissions

WASHINGTON (AP) – Volkswagen's top U.S. executive is stepping down amid the company's ongoing emissions cheating scandal, the company announced March 9.

U.S. President and Chief Executive Michael Horn is leaving "to pursue other opportunities effective immediately," the automaker said in a statement. He had been with the German automaker for 25 years, assuming his most recent post in 2014.

Horn's sudden departure comes as the company continues to grapple with the fallout from its admission last year that nearly 600,000 cars were sold in the U.S. with software that regulators say was designed to cheat on required emissions tests.

VW potentially faces more than \$20 billion in fines from state and federal regulators, as well as hundreds of class-action lawsuits filed on behalf of angry vehicle owners. The Justice Department is also conducting a criminal investigation.

It was Horn who was sent to apologize to consumers at a congressional hearing in October. But at the same time, he told lawmakers that top corporate officials had no knowledge of the cheating software installed in 11 million diesel cars worldwide.

"To my understanding, this was not a corporate decision, this was something individuals did," Horn said, adding that he felt personally deceived.

A federal judge has given the company until March 24 to reach an agreement with the government on recalling the affected vehicles. U.S. District Court Judge Charles R. Breyer wants to know about available technical solutions to fix the cars and the status of negotiations on a potential settlement with affected owners. VW has not indicated if it can meet the deadline.

Volkswagen in September admitted to U.S. regulators that it had used illegal software installed in its so-called "Clean Diesel" engines. The cheating allowed cars to pass lab emissions tests while spewing high levels of harmful nitrogen oxide.

Delphi Earns Ethical Award Fourth Time

Delphi Automotive PLC has been named one of the "World's Most Ethical Companies" by the Ethisphere Institute, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices, said Delphi spokeswoman Andrea Knapp.

Delphi was recognized for its commitment to leading ethical business standards and practices and has been named to the list the last four years. The company is one of only three automotive companies to be included on the annual list, Knapp said. The other two companies were Ford and Cummins, Inc., of Indiana.

"At Delphi, we foster a culture of responsibility and ethics throughout our organization. These are values that are integral to how we do business each day and we are proud to be recognized for this work," said David M. Sherbin, senior vice president, general counsel, secretary and chief compliance officer, Delphi Automotive.

Ethisphere's World's Most Ethical Companies are selected using scores generated in five key categories: ethics and compliance program, corporate citizenship and responsibility, culture of ethics, governance and leadership, innovation and reputation, Knapp said.