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Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer visits TÜV SÜD headquarters in Munich

Munich. As part of her official tour of Germany, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer visited the global headquarters of TÜV SÜD in Munich, where she met with Chief Executive Officer Ishan Palit and Chief Financial Officer Sabine Nitzsche. The strategic exchange focused on innovation, safety, and opportunities for transatlantic collaboration in future technologies.

During the visit, discussions centered on TÜV SÜD's role in enabling the safe, secure, and sustainable deployment of emerging technologies, with particular emphasis on the company's growing footprint in the United States. In Michigan, TÜV SÜD is playing an active role in promoting advancements in electromobility, automated driving and energy storage. These sectors are all critical to the future of mobility and the energy transition.



The delegations from Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer and from TÜV SÜD (from left to right): Quentin Messer, Jr., CEO & President of MEDC, John Gutierrez, Managing Director Office of Defense & Aerospace Innovation, Vlatko Tomic-Bobas, Investment Director, MEDC, Ishan Palit, CEO TÜV SÜD, Gretchen Whitmer, Governor, Sabine Nitzsche, CFO TÜV SÜD,

Jan de Leon, CEO of TÜV SÜD's Americas region, Karl Meier, COO TÜV SÜD Product Service GmbH, Zachary Pohl, Principal Deputy.

Quotes:
Governor Whitmer highlighted Michigan's leadership in global mobility innovation and stressed the value of international partnerships in driving sustainable economic growth:
"Michigan is a global hotspot for mobility innovation. The exchange here with TÜV SÜD shows how important strong international partnerships are for sustainable growth and safe future technologies."

TÜV SÜD CEO Ishan Palit reaffirmed the company's commitment to the region:
"Our sites in Michigan are key contributors to the growth of electric mobility in North America. By ensuring that new technologies meet the highest safety standards, we help our customers bring innovations to the road safely and reliably, while also contributing to economic growth."

TÜV SÜD's investment in Michigan reflects this commitment. In 2023, the company opened a state-of-the-art EV battery testing laboratory in Auburn Hills, purpose-built to accommodate the latest generation of large-format batteries. TÜV SÜD is now extending its expertise to stationary energy storage solutions, creating skilled jobs and reinforcing Michigan's role as a hub for clean energy and advanced mobility.

In addition, the Plymouth facility of TÜV SÜD specialises in electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) testing for electrical components. Its mobile testing and training services provide customers with on-site expertise, further strengthening the company's presence in the region.

As demand for independent testing in electric mobility, automated driving, connected products and sustainable technologies rises across North America, TÜV SÜD is expanding rapidly to meet customer needs and support the safe and sustainable growth of future industries.

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