**Hankook celebrate more long service awards**

* **Hankook commemorate staff as they celebrate their dedication during the last 10 years**
* **Almost 30% of the workforce have now achieved a long service award**

***Daventry, UK, 1st June 2017*** – Premium tyre manufacturer Hankook recently celebrated a long service award for two more employees at the head office based in Daventry, Northamptonshire. Mark Grace, Marketing Manager and Nick Wood, Key Account Manager were both recognised for their 10 year service at Hankook Tyre UK Ltd.

Hankook were first introduced to the UK in the early 1980s with just two employees. The company now employ a total of 50 staff in the UK head office; 14 of whom have completed 10 years of service or more. “It is very satisfying to see more of our valued UK team celebrate 10 years of service with the company. Hankook have built a very successful, committed and experienced team of people here in the UK whose hard-work and knowledge of the tyre industry have been invaluable. I want to thank both Mark and Nick for their valued contribution over the last ten years and hope sincerely that they continue to grow with the company in years to come.” said Jong Jin Park, Managing Director at Hankook Tyre UK Ltd.

Mark Grace, Marketing Manager said ‘I started in the tyre industry working for a subsidiary company of Pirelli called CPK, which was a multi-branded wholesaler. After becoming Product and Pricing Manager and working for the company for 18 years which included a 6 year stint at the Pirelli head office in Burton upon Trent, I decided it was time for a new challenge.”

“I joined Hankook in 2006 as the Product and Pricing Manager, during the time that Hankook started gearing up towards becoming a tier one tyre manufacturer. Hankook has enjoyed continued growth over the years, and my role has grown further when I became Marketing Manager in 2012. Throughout my time here I have seen many changes, but still the most exciting thing is seeing how Hankook has developed and keeps on developing its reputation as a global player in the tyre market’.

Key Account Manager Nick Wood says “My career in the tyre industry started at another tyre manufacturer where I remained for 6 years and worked as a Business Development Manager.  I joined Hankook Tyres in 2006 as a Regional Sales Manager covering the Midlands Region, I was then promoted to Key Account Manager in 2016. I have found my time at Hankook to be very rewarding and I’m proud to be part of a team that has shown continual growth.”

“The tyre industry continues to develop and I am pleased to have spent the last 10 years working for Hankook Tyre. The Hankook brand continues to grow and develop, which I’m looking forward to being part of over the coming years”.

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Picture material: Hankook celebrate long service awards. (Left: Nick Wood. Right: Mark Grace)

**About Hankook Tire**

Hankook Tire is one of the global top 5 companies in the mass production of tyres and manufactures innovative, award winning radial tyres of proven superior quality for passenger cars, light trucks, SUVs, RVs, trucks, and buses as well as motorsports (circuit racing/rallies).

Aspiring to bring consumers the utmost excellence in product quality, technological excellence and driving satisfaction, Hankook Tire continuously invests in research and development maintaining five R&D centres and seven production facilities around the world. Bespoke tyre solutions for the European markets as well as European Original Equipment according to the requirements of leading premium car manufacturers, are developed in the company’s regional Technical Centre in Hanover/Germany. Production for the European region is taking place in the state-of-the-art manufacturing site in Rácalmás/Hungary which was inaugurated in June 2007 and is continuously being expanded. Currently more than 3,000 employees produce up to 19 million tyres a year for passenger cars, SUVs and light trucks.

Hankook Tire’s European headquarters are located in Neu-Isenburg near Frankfurt am Main in Germany. The manufacturer operates further branches in Germany, UK, France, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Hungary, Czech Republic, Russia, Turkey, Sweden and Poland. Hankook products are sold directly through regional distributors in other local markets. Hankook Tire employs more than 22,000 people worldwide and are selling their products in over 180 countries.

Hankook products are fitted as original equipment by many of the world’s leading vehicle manufacturers including Audi, BMW, Chevrolet, Citroen, Daihatsu, Ford, Honda, Hyundai, Kia, Mercedes-Benz, Mazda, Mini, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Peugeot, Porsche, Renault, Seat, Skoda, Toyota, Vauxhall and Volkswagen.

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