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US: Engine chief leaves Navistar

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Just three years after joining the company, Dr Helmut Endres has left North American International Truck and Engine Corporation. A message in his email inbox says simply: 'I have left Navistar on July 15'. No reason is given.

On 5 July 2006 in a high profile statement dateline Melrose Park, Illinois, International declared that Dr. Helmut Endres had joined the company as vice president of engineering of its Engine Group.

He was given responsibility for engine engineering and product development for the MaxxForce diesel engine range as well as engines sold to International's customers. The product line includes the V6 MaxxForce 5, the V8 MaxxForce 7, and the I6 MaxxForce 11 and MaxxForce 13, the latter two being developments with MAN.

Prior to joining International, Endres was executive director of powertrain development of the Volkswagen brand where he was closely associated with the V10 TDI diesel. He spent 10 years at VW where he was responsible for some 2,000 engineers.

Endres replaced Mark Stasell who returned to International's Truck Group.

Prior to his time at VW, Endres was for four years at Audi and before then 13 years at FEV Engine Technology, the well-known engine technology consultant.

Endres's most recent public appearance was as a Day 1 speaker at the Diesel Emissions Conference Europe on 23-25 June 2009, in Brussels, Belgium, where he gave a paper: 'Navistar's smart way to meet US2010 emissions'.

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