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thyssenkrupp champions sustainability with 2018 Transit Connect on display in Ford booth at Chicago Auto Show

- More than 2 million visitors to the Chicago Auto Show Feb. 10-19 will be able to view the thyssenkrupp branded Transit Connect at the Ford booth
- Utilization of the Ford Transit Connect reinforces thyssenkrupp's global commitment to diversifying fuel usage for its fleet and engaging in sustainable business practices throughout the organization

thyssenkrupp Elevator's branded 2018 Ford Transit Connect vehicle will be part of the Ford exhibit at the 2018 Chicago Auto Show, which is being held February 10-19 at McCormick Place. Launched in 1901, the Chicago Auto Show is the largest and longest-running auto show in North America.

"For more than a decade, we have enjoyed a great partnership with Ford, and we are excited to have our service vehicle on display in the automotive icon's booth at the Chicago Auto Show," says Tom Armstrong, Director of Fleet at thyssenkrupp Elevator Americas.

Ford has been a pioneer in the manufacture of smaller, environmentally friendly commercial vehicles, bringing over the Transit Connect from Europe to the U.S. in 2010. The Transit Connect has played an important role in helping thyssenkrupp Elevator meet its ambitious sustainability goals.

Specifically, thyssenkrupp Elevator is diversifying fuel usage in its fleet of 3,500 vehicles to meet corporate global greenhouse gas impact reduction goals. Today, the fleet consists of a mixed portfolio of propane, electric and hybrid vehicles, which contributed to thyssenkrupp Elevator Americas being recognized by *Automotive Fleet* magazine as having one of the greenest commercial fleets in the U.S.

The 2018 Ford Transit Connect – a smaller version of Ford's Transit – is designed to move passengers and cargo through urban environments. The 2018 Ford Transit features a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine that pairs 169 horsepower with a six-speed automatic transmission. EPA-estimated fuel economy for the front-wheel drive Transit Connect is 19 mpg (city) and 27 mpg (highway). Features include Ford's Sync 3 multimedia suite, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, leather seats, heated front seats, dual-zone climate control, and tilt/telescope steering wheel. The 2018 model also includes the addition of automatic headlamps with configurable daytime running lamps.



"At thyssenkrupp, safety runs deep in our culture. It's the way we do business," continues Armstrong. "This is a message from our executive team and throughout our organization, and we try to apply that same culture to our fleet where providing our service technicians with the safest vehicles is a top priority."

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About us:

thyssenkrupp Elevator

thyssenkrupp Elevator brings together the Group's global activities in passenger transportation systems. With sales of €7.7 billion in fiscal 2016/2017 and customers in 150 countries, thyssenkrupp Elevator built its position as one of the world's leading elevator companies from scratch in a mere 40 years' time applying thyssenkrupp unique engineering capabilities. With more than 50,000 highly skilled employees, the company offers smart and innovative products and services designed to meet customers' individual requirements. The portfolio includes passenger and freight elevators, escalators and moving walks, passenger boarding bridges, stair and platform lifts as well as tailored service solutions for all products. Over 1,000 locations around the world provide an extensive sales and service network to guarantee closeness to customers.

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thyssenkrupp is a diversified industrial group with a growing share of capital goods and service businesses and traditional strengths in materials. Over 158,000 employees in 79 countries work with passion and technological know-how to develop high-quality products and intelligent industrial processes and services for sustainable progress. Their skills and commitment are the basis of our success. In fiscal year 2016/2017 thyssenkrupp generated sales of €41.5 billion.

Together with our customers we develop competitive solutions for current and future challenges in their respective industries. With our engineering expertise we enable our customers to gain an edge in the global market and manufacture innovative products in a cost- and resource-friendly way. Our technologies and innovations are the key to meeting diverse customer and market requirements around the world, growing on the markets of the future, and generating strong and stable earnings, cash flows and value growth.

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