

## Automotive Engineering on track - new process management system “Stages For Automotive” presented at Convergence 2008

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Convergence 2008 in Detroit, Michigan marks the launch of Method Park's new process management system "Stages for Automotive" to industry experts. This new tool is part of an extensive service and product portfolio especially designed for the automotive industry.

"Stages for Automotive" was developed to specifically address increasing automotive requirements in Quality, Complexity, Collaboration, and Compliance. It provides all the necessary elements and support to model, analyze, and enact processes for automotive products. One of the many unique characteristics of Stages is its ability to master automotive compliance ensuring conformity to standards such as CMMI® 1.2 DEV, Automotive SPICE, ISO TS 16949, and ISO 26262 (TBA). The Stages architecture also supports emerging methodologies such as AUTOSAR features and process definition.

"With "Stages for Automotive", new users will benefit from a tool that was developed and improved over several years through partnerships with leading automotive companies including BMW, Volkswagen, Audi, Bosch, and Continental Automotive" says Dr. Erich Meier, board member of Method Park Software AG responsible for development.

Taking place biennially in Detroit, Michigan, Convergence has earned world-wide recognition as the premier transportation electronics event attracting over 8,000 leading executives, engineers, and technologists from around the globe. Serving as

Host Company for Convergence 2008 is Chrysler.

About Method Park

Method Park's engineers and consultants are experts in the field of software development for automotive and medical systems, especially where high demands on quality and safety are made. We are your experienced partner for engineering services, coaching, training and consulting in software development processes and process maturity models.

Our web-based process management portal "Stages" allows you to model your process, assures the compliance of processes to standards (e.g. CMMI, SPICE), and communicates process descriptions to teams. Stages can be integrated with your configuration management system to manage project documents in accordance with the defined process.

Method Park, which was founded in 2001 in Erlangen, Germany, currently has more than 120 employees. Method Park has subsidiaries in Erlangen, Freiburg, Munich and Stuttgart in Germany, as well as Detroit and San José in the USA.

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