Werner Puetz is appointed Vice President, Purchasing, Ford of Europe, effective January 1, 2014. He is responsible for overseeing purchasing for the Ford brand throughout Europe, Middle East & Africa.

He previously was Director, Global Interior Purchasing, located in Detroit, a position he held from April 2012. Between April 2008 and March 2012, Mr. Puetz was Director, Global Chassis Purchasing. During that time he was also member of the Tedrive/Tekfor Board (Steering Plant Wülfrath). From November 2004 to March 2008 Mr. Puetz assumed responsibility as Director, Pan Brand Purchasing (Volvo/Jaguar/Land Rover/Ford), Powertrain/Drivetrain Division.

Mr. Puetz joined Ford of Germany in 1983 as commercial apprentice/BA trainee in Manufacturing. Since then he has held supervisory positions in Manufacturing and a variety of managerial and directorial positions predominantly within Purchasing Ford of Europe, including C and CD Car Platform Program and launch responsibilities.

Mr. Puetz holds a degree in Business Economics/Administration from the Admin & Economics Academy of Cologne. Since 2000 he has been representing Ford in the VDA (Federal Automotive Association, located in Berlin, Germany).

Mr. Puetz was born in Cologne in 1962. He is married and a father of two sons.