## Keynote Speaker

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<th>Roger Heitzeg, Senior VP, Technical Plant Manager Robert Bosch LLC</th>
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Roger Heitzeg is currently Senior Vice President, Technical Plant Manager for Robert Bosch LLC in Anderson and has been in this capacity since January 2016. From 2012 to 2016 he served as the Technical Plant Manager for Robert Bosch in San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

Mr. Heitzeg began his Bosch career in the Anderson plant in 1997 as Manager of ECU Development. He held various positions in Anderson prior to assuming the role of VP Fuel Injection Components in Farmington Hills, Michigan from 2009 to 2012.

Prior to joining Bosch, Mr. Heitzeg worked for Ford Motor Company, Product Development (Dearborn, MI and Cologne, Germany) from 1987-1997.

Mr. Heitzeg holds a BS in Electrical Engineering from Kettering University. He and his wife Anne have three sons. His hobbies include biking, tennis and woodworking.

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## Panel Participants

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Mr. Weir has 20 years' experience in international trade and compliance. His background with customs brokerage, trade compliance consulting, and employment with international service, distribution, and manufacturing corporations has afforded him significant experience in this field. A majority of his time has been spent in high risk sectors such as apparel, telecommunications and the automotive industry. He has a Bachelor of Science in International Business and Business Management from Indiana University and a Masters in Business Administration from Clemson University. He has been a licensed Customs Broker since 1998. His time is currently dedicated to helping produce the "Ultimate Driving Machine" as he is employed by BMW Manufacturing where he leads all international trade compliance efforts.
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**Dräxlmaier Group**
Christian Langstein

Christian Langstein is the director for Site Infrastructure of the DRÄXLMAIER Group in the Americas. In this function, he oversees all aspects related to the buildings and plant sites of the automotive supplier in the USA and Latin America. In addition to overseeing construction projects, he is also responsible for safety, security, building layouts and office equipment, among others.

Christian came first in contact with the DRÄXLMAIER Group in the spring of 2000 as a purchasing intern at the company's U.S. headquarters in Duncan, S.C. Upon graduation in 2003, he worked in project controlling at the corporate headquarters in Vilsbiburg, Germany, before he eventually transferred to Duncan in 2004 to head the project controlling group for the customer, Cadillac. With the expansion of the DRÄXLMAIER business operations in Mexico, Langstein joined the team at the new plant site in San Luis Potosi as the head of controlling in 2006. He eventually became the director of finance and administration for all DRÄXLMAIER sites in Mexico in October 2008.

Christian returned to the USA in the summer of 2012 and has been involved in various expansion projects for the DRÄXLMAIER Group in Mexico, Nicaragua and the USA. He has been director for Site Infrastructure in the Americas since the department was formed in 2015.

The native of Waldkraiburg (Bavaria) is married and lives with his wife and two daughters in the North Carolina mountains. Away from work, he enjoys being with his family and working on his house. He is fluent in German, English and Spanish.

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**Parker Poe Attorneys and Counselors at Law**

**Hector G. Ibarra, Associated Professional**

Mr. Ibarra has more than 18 years’ experience in international business transactions, economic development and general business law matters. He works closely with foreign and domestic companies seeking to relocate or expand their businesses, with an emphasis in Europe, Mexico, Central America and South America.

Prior to joining Parker Poe, Mr. Ibarra was general counsel for a packaging distribution company, where he managed international acquisitions subsidiary formation, joint ventures, strategic planning and finance.

Before moving to North Carolina, Mr. Ibarra served as Counsel for the Mexican Federal Senate, overseeing all procurement and commercial contracts and serving on the Foreign Commerce and International Senate Committees. He was also Deputy General Counsel for the General Bureau of Standards in Mexico City, handling legal matters, compliance and enforcement functions.