



## **Record: 250 thousandth ZF axle for agricultural vehicles produced in Brazil**

- **ZF do Brazil leading in Brazil with market share over 50 %**
- **Latest technology and highest quality make ZF do Brasil the market leader**

The ZF business segment for agricultural machinery systems has just surpassed the figure of 250 thousand powered front axles for tractors. This production figure makes ZF do Brazil the exclusive record holder; no other company in Brazil has ever manufactured more axles. As a supplier for axles and transmissions for tractors and combined harvesters ZF do Brazil holds a market share of over 50 % in Brazil.

The jubilee axle model AS 3065 (fig. 22) is one of the most successful type series. ZF do Brazil, a production site of the ZF division Off-Road Driveline Technology and Axle Systems based in Passau, started assembling automobile-transmissions for the legendary DKW at Sao Caetano do Sul (Sao Paulo) in 1958. Since 1981 transmissions for agricultural machinery are produced in Sorocaba for the South American market. In 1985 the first steering axles for tractors was launched. First customer with a MF 296 tractor was Massey Ferguson. Today ZF do Brazil amongst others supplies the tractor manufacturers Massey Ferguson, Valtra, John Deere, New Holland, Agrale and Ursus and is sole market leader in Brazil with a market share of over 50 %. But also global customers i.e. from Poland (New Holland, Pronar), Russia (RSM) and Turkey (Erkunt) trust in latest technology and highest quality from Sorocaba.

“This success underlines our outstanding market position in Brazil and spurs on to further invest in the development of new products and our high product quality standards.”, states Antonio Carlos Garcia, Director of ZF Sistemas de Eixos e Transmissões Fora-de-estrada (fig. 23).



Fig.:

22.) ZF-AGROSTEER AS-3065

23.) Success is a team effort : the two hundred and fifty thousandth front axle for tractors came off the line at ZF do Brasil.

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The ZF Division Off-Road Driveline Technology and Axle Systems specializes in the development and production of transmissions and axles for agricultural and construction machines as well as axle systems for buses and trucks. With 7,500 employees the division generated a turnover of 1.9 billion euros in 2008.

ZF is a leading worldwide automotive supplier for driveline and chassis technology with approx. 60,000 employees at 119 locations in 25 countries. In 2008 the Group generated a turnover of 12.5 billion euros. ZF is among the top fifteen companies on the ranking list of the largest automotive suppliers worldwide.