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# **Cerence Names Accomplished Automotive Technology Executive Christian Mentz as Chief Revenue Officer**

**Mentz joins Cerence from Amazon and will lead Cerence's global sales and marketing organization, working with customers worldwide to transform the in-car experience**

BURLINGTON, Mass., Sept. 05, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Cerence Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: CRNC), AI for a world in motion, today announced it has named Christian Mentz, a highly regarded business leader in automotive technology, as the company's Chief Revenue Officer. In this role, Mr. Mentz will lead Cerence's global sales and business development, sales engineering, and marketing organizations, driving the company's go-to-market strategy, accelerating growth, and expanding the company's relationships with its automaker and mobility customers worldwide.

Mr. Mentz joins Cerence after more than four years in progressing roles at Amazon. In his most recent role at Amazon Smart Vehicles, Christian successfully led the global Business and Marketing organization, driving commercial operations and go-to-market strategies across a wide range of automotive digital cabin products and services. Prior to joining Amazon, Mr. Mentz held several automotive sales and leadership roles during a more than ten-year tenure at Nuance Communications, including Vice President - Automotive Sales & Sales Engineering. Mr. Mentz has continuously demonstrated passion for innovation and advancing technologies throughout his career, having held several consulting and advisory roles for technology companies, including as an advisor to AI and machine learning firm Dessa.

"Christian is a tenured and accomplished executive who brings transformational leadership and a proven ability to build deep customer relationships," said Stefan Ortmanns, CEO, Cerence. "Christian's long and successful career and progressive leadership give him unique, direct experience in automotive AI and voice technology that will be critical as Cerence accelerates toward the next generation of AI-powered, immersive customer experiences."

"Having spent a substantial part of my career working on the intersection of AI and automotive to drive advancements and collaboration in infotainment and the digital cabin, I am honored and excited to join Cerence as its Chief Revenue Officer," said Christian Mentz. "As our industry continues to undergo significant transformation, I look forward to working with the entire Cerence team to leverage our deep expertise as a pioneer in automotive and generative AI to propel innovation in partnership with our customers worldwide."

Mr. Mentz holds a Master's Degree in Communications from The Philipp University of Marburg, Germany, and continued his education in Change and Innovation Management at

the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.

To learn more about Cerence, visit [www.cerence.com](http://www.cerence.com), and follow the company on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).

#### **About Cerence Inc.**

Cerence (NASDAQ: CRNC) is the global industry leader in creating unique, moving experiences for the mobility world. As an innovation partner to the world's leading automakers and mobility OEMs, it is helping advance the future of connected mobility through intuitive, AI-powered interaction between humans and their vehicles, connecting consumers' digital lives to their daily journeys no matter where they are. Cerence's track record is built on more than 20 years of knowledge and 475 million cars shipped with Cerence technology. Whether it's connected cars, autonomous driving, e-vehicles, or two-wheelers, Cerence is mapping the road ahead. For more information, visit [www.cerence.com](http://www.cerence.com).

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