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Bentley Motors' Headquarters and Main Plant now CO₂ neutral

- **Headquarters and main plant in Crewe, England, certified by Carbon Trust to PAS 2060 Carbon neutral standard at the beginning of October**
- **Electrical energy comes entirely from renewable sources**
- **Important signal on the way to decarbonizing the Volkswagen Group**

Wolfsburg/Crewe, October 10, 2019 - Bentley Motors' corporate headquarters and main plant in Crewe, England, received CO₂ neutrality certification in early October. The Volkswagen Group's only production plant on the British Isles is thus making an important contribution to the decarbonisation of the Volkswagen Group by 2050.



Main Plant of Bentley Motors with Solar Modules at Crewe, England



Employee Parking Lots with Solar Roofs at Bentley Motors in Crewe, England

Bentley's entire electrical energy is either generated locally by solar systems or purchased as certified green electricity. All unavoidable emissions are offset by high-quality measures. To secure the PAS 2060 certification, Gold Standard carbon credits have been purchased to offset the emissions that occur during the manufacturing process. The quantity and quality of these credits was independently verified by the Carbon Trust, which is the world's leading independent certification body for carbon footprints.

Bentley meets its environmental challenge

Adrian Hallmark, Chairman and Chief Executive Office of Bentley Motors, said: "We want to lead the way in delivering sustainable luxury mobility by offering our customers products and services that reflect their own values. We take a responsible approach to the environmental, social and economic impact of our business."

John Newton, head of certification, Carbon Trust, said: "The Carbon Trust is pleased to certify Bentley's headquarters and main plant to PAS 2060, demonstrating its climate neutrality. The initiatives that Bentley has undertaken to achieve this certification demonstrate the company's commitment to becoming more sustainable."

More than 30,000 solar modules provide electricity

Earlier this year, Britain's largest solar carport with 10,000 solar modules was installed at Bentley's Crewe site. The facility has a capacity of 2.7 MW and includes 1,378 car parking spaces - an area of 16,426 m². In addition to the 20,815 roof modules already installed, the total energy capacity of the solar modules on site increased to 7.7 MW, sufficient to cover over 1,750 households.

The certification is the result of almost two decades of work to make the historic Crewe site as energy and carbon efficient as possible. Although parts of the site have existed since the 1940s, in 1999 Bentley was the first UK carmaker to meet the ISO 14001 environmental management standard and plans to modernize the site to maximize energy efficiency and reduce emissions as a continuous process.

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The Volkswagen Group, with its headquarters in Wolfsburg, is one of the world's leading automobile manufacturers and the largest carmaker in Europe. The Group comprises twelve brands from seven European countries: Volkswagen Passenger Cars, Audi, SEAT, ŠKODA, Bentley, Bugatti, Lamborghini, Porsche, Ducati, Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles, Scania and MAN. The passenger car portfolio ranges from small cars all the way to luxury-class vehicles. Ducati offers motorcycles. In the light and heavy commercial vehicles sector, the products include ranges from pick-ups, buses and heavy trucks. Every weekday, 664,496 employees around the globe produce on average 44,567 vehicles, are involved in vehicle-related services or work in other areas of business. The Volkswagen Group sells its vehicles in 153 countries.

In 2018, the total number of vehicles supplied to customers by the Group globally was 10,8 million (2017: 10,7 million). The passenger car global market share was 12.3 per cent. In Western Europe 22.0 per cent of all new passenger cars come from the Volkswagen Group. Group sales revenue in 2018 totalled €235.8 billion (2017: €231 billion). Earnings after tax in 2017 amounted to €17.1 billion (2017: €11.6 billion).
