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Change on the Volkswagen Supervisory Board: Conny Schönhardt succeeds Birgit Dietze

Wolfsburg, June 24, 2019 – There will be a change to the composition of employee representation on the Supervisory Board of Volkswagen Aktiengesellschaft. Conny Schönhardt (41), who took on responsibility for Strategic and Political Planning on the management board of IG Metall in January 2019, is taking Birgit Dietze’s (46) seat on the Supervisory Board as of 21 June 2019. The Group announced this in Wolfsburg on Monday.

The two trade union representatives have already worked on tasks together in the VW employee representative committees over recent months. This included the assumption by Conny Schönhardt of responsibility in the trade union as company representative for Volkswagen and AUDI at the beginning of 2019.

“Birgit Dietze’s term on the Supervisory Board coincided with eventful times, that were extremely challenging. The employee representatives thank Birgit for her valuable contribution, which Conny Schönhardt will undoubtedly build on going forward. Conny, with her specialism in pay scales, training and qualification, is assuming this office at exactly the right moment,” commented Jörg Hofmann, Chairman of IG Metall and Deputy Chairman of the Supervisory Board.

Assuming duties in the Group constitutes a return to the company for Ms Schönhardt, who had worked here previously for several years. She concluded a commercial apprenticeship at VW Commercial Vehicles in the mid-1990s and then worked on the assembly line.

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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 10,831 million (2017: 10,741 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).
