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Christiane Engel appointed as Spokesperson of the Management Board and Managing Director of the Technology Division of Volkswagen Osnabrück

- Christiane Engel is taking over as Spokesperson of the Management Board and Managing Director of the Technology Division of Volkswagen's Osnabrück site
- Jörn Hasenfuß, the current Spokesperson of the Management Board and Managing Director of the Technology Division of Volkswagen Osnabrück GmbH, is leaving Volkswagen under a retirement program after more than three decades with the Group

Osnabrück – Effective as of May 1, 2023, Christiane Engel will take over as Spokesperson of the Management Board and Managing Director of the Technology Division of Volkswagen's site in Osnabrück. Christiane Engel has years of international experience in production and recently headed up Quality Assurance at the Volkswagen Passenger Cars brand in Wolfsburg. Her predecessor Jörn Hasenfuß is ending his active career in the Volkswagen Group after more than 36 years and is leaving the company under a retirement program.

Christian Vollmer, Production Board Member of the Volkswagen Passenger Cars brand and Supervisory Board Chairman of Volkswagen Osnabrück, commented, "Jörn Hasenfuß played a vital role in ensuring that we will continue to produce innovative, attractive models for our customers in Osnabrück in the years to come. We would like to thank him for his commitment and wish him all the best for this new chapter in life. At the same time, I am delighted to welcome Christiane Engel, an internationally experienced executive, as the new Managing Director of the Technology Division and Spokesperson of the Management Board. Christiane Engel has a broad range of experience in Industrial Engineering, Quality Assurance and Production that will ideally supplement that of the other Board members. I firmly believe that thanks to her high level of expertise and her leadership qualities, she is best equipped to successfully master the new challenge."



Christiane Engel

Christiane Engel Christiane Engel began her career in the industrial engineering department at Volkswagen Sachsen in 1992. Having held other senior management posts at Volkswagen, she moved to Auto5000 GmbH in Wolfsburg in 2001 to assume responsibility for work and factory organization. She was in charge of industrial engineering at the Chattanooga plant (USA) of Volkswagen Group of America from 2009. In 2012, Christiane Engel assumed responsibility for work organization and industrial engineering at

Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles. In 2018, she was appointed Plant Director at the Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles plant in Września, Poland – the first woman in the

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Volkswagen Group to take up such an appointment. Christiane Engel has headed Quality Assurance at the Volkswagen Passenger Cars brand since June 1, 2020.

Christiane Engel's now vacant position as head of Quality Assurance at the Volkswagen Passenger Cars brand will be filled shortly.



Jörn Hasenfuß

Jörn Hasenfuß, hitherto Spokesperson of the Management Board and Managing Director of the Technical Division of Volkswagen Osnabrück GmbH, is ending his period of active service at Volkswagen with effect from June 1, 2023. The business graduate had been with the Volkswagen Group for over 36 years. After initial posts in finance, he held a number of management positions in procurement for global and forward sourcing and chemicals procurement in Wolfsburg from 1993 to 1999. This was followed by three years as Head of Commodity

Metal at Audi in Ingolstadt. Jörn Hasenfuß returned to Wolfsburg in 2002, assuming responsibility for procurement for new A-class products. He was Head of Group Procurement Interior from 2005 to 2008, before being appointed First Vice President and Commercial Executive Vice President of Shanghai Volkswagen in 2009. From the end of 2013, he was the Board of Management member responsible for Procurement at Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles in Hanover. In May 2020, he joined Volkswagen Osnabrück as Managing Director of the Technical Division and Spokesperson of the Management Board.

As an important production site for the Volkswagen Group, the Volkswagen site in Osnabrück has specialized in the manufacturing of small and very small series. Volkswagen Osnabrück covers the entire automotive value chain at the site: from technical development to tool and plant construction to vehicle production. The T-Roc convertible and the Arteon Shooting Brake are currently manufactured in Osnabrück, and series production of the Porsche Cayman and Porsche Boxster is starting in April 2023.

Volkswagen Osnabrück GmbH is a wholly owned subsidiary of Volkswagen AG and forms part of the Volkswagen Passenger Cars brand.

The Volkswagen Passenger Cars brand is present in over 140 markets and produces vehicles at 29 locations in 12 countries. In 2022, Volkswagen delivered around 4.6 million vehicles. These include bestsellers such as the Polo, T-Roc, T-Cross, Golf, Tiguan or Passat as well as the successful all-electric models ID.3, ID.4, ID.5 and ID.6. Last year, the company handed over more than 330,000 all-electric vehicles to customers worldwide. Currently more than 170,000 people are working at Volkswagen around the world. With its ACCELERATE strategy, Volkswagen is consistently advancing its further development into the most desirable brand for sustainable mobility.