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## Dirk Große-Loheide appointed new Board member for Procurement at Volkswagen Passenger Cars brand

- Dr. Stefan Sommer, Group Board member for Components and Procurement, previously held responsibility for this brand function in addition to his other duties

**Wolfsburg – Dirk Große-Loheide (55), latterly Head of Group Operations Procurement, has been appointed member of the Board of Management of the Volkswagen Passenger Cars brand responsible for Procurement effective October 1, 2019. In his new function, Große-Loheide succeeds Dr. Stefan Sommer, who was previously in charge of this brand function in addition to his responsibilities as Group Board member for Components and Procurement. As a result of Große-Loheide's appointment, Sommer can now concentrate fully on his extensive tasks as a member of the Group Board.**



**Dirk Große-Loheide**

Dirk Große-Loheide is a graduate economist and trained banker and has been with the Volkswagen Group for 28 years. He has extensive industry knowledge and experience in the field of procurement. Having joined Volkswagen in 1990 he began his career in machinery procurement. From 1995, he held various management posts, initially in general purchasing at SEAT in Martorell, and from 2000 at the Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles brand in Hanover, where he was named Board member for Procurement and Production in 2007. Große-Loheide was appointed Board member for Procurement at Volkswagen de México in Puebla in 2011, becoming Head of General Group Procurement in 2014, Board member for Procurement at MAN Truck & Bus in 2017, and finally Head of Group Operations Procurement in April 2019.

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The Volkswagen Passenger Cars brand is present in more than 150 markets throughout the world and produces vehicles at over 50 locations in 14 countries. In 2018, Volkswagen delivered 6,2 million vehicles including bestselling models such as the Golf, Tiguan, Jetta or Passat. Currently, 195,878 people work for Volkswagen across the globe. The brand also has over 10,000 dealerships with 86,000 employees. Volkswagen is forging ahead consistently with the further development of automobile production. E-mobility, smart mobility and the digital transformation of the brand are the key strategic topics for the future.