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Group Awards 2019: Volkswagen Group Honours International TOP Suppliers

- Awards for eight companies in six categories
- Group Executive Board Dr. Stefan Sommer: Thanks and recognition to the award-winning companies and their employees

Leipzig/Wolfsburg, July 8, 2019 – On Thursday evening the Volkswagen Group presented its best suppliers with the "Volkswagen Group Award 2019" at the Porsche Visitor Centre in Leipzig. More than 200 guests from 19 countries attended this year's 17th award ceremony.



Award Winners and Category Sponsors, fr. l. to r. Thomas Schmall (Volkswagen), Lin Jiang (YAPP Automotive Systems), Matthias Pampus-Meder (Eisenwerke Brühl), Joachim Arnheim (ZKW), Ralf Brandstätter (Volkswagen), Steffen Schmid (Corning), Oliver Blume (Volkswagen), Parag Shah (Dr. Schneider Unternehmensgruppe), Stefan Sommer (Volkswagen), German Wankmiller (Grob-Werke).

Dr. Stefan Sommer, Group Board Member for Components and Procurement, welcomed the guests: "We are dedicating the Group Award to celebrate and acknowledge your achievements and commitment. Today, the best 130 companies from a total of over 40,000 suppliers are represented here. We would like to thank you and your motivated employees for the successful cooperation".

The award was presented in six categories that reflect the most important topics of the ongoing transformation of the Volkswagen Group. The individual awards were presented by the category sponsors from the Board of Management of the Group and the Volkswagen and Volkswagen Components brands.

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Award Winner	Category	Category Sponsor
Grob-Werke GmbH & Co. KG	E-Mobility	Oliver Blume, Board Member Group Production and CEO Porsche AG
Dr. Schneider Unternehmensgruppe	Value Innovation	Ralf Brandstätter, COO and Board Member Volkswagen Passenger Cars Brand for Procurement
Eisenwerk Brühl	Performance Champion Local	Thomas Schmall, CEO Volkswagen Group Components
ZKW Group GmbH Corning Inc. YAPP Automotive Systems Co., Ltd.	Performance Champions Global	Stefan Sommer, Board Member Components and Procurement
Osram Licht AG	Sustainability	Stefan Sommer, Board Member Components and Procurement
Microsoft	Intelligent Driving	Ralf Brandstätter, COO and Board Member Volkswagen Passenger Cars Brand for Procurement

In terms of the future challenges for the Volkswagen Group and its business partners, Sommer said he expected the companies to become business partners and to jointly see the transformation in drivetrain technology as a challenge and an opportunity.

He called on the companies: "The Volkswagen Group regards itself as a pioneer in the field of sustainability. We are committed to CO2 neutrality in the year 2050. Take up your responsibility and support us with sustainability and transparency throughout the entire supply chain".

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About the Volkswagen Group:

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).