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Medical supplies for doctors and hospitals: More than 5 million masks have already arrived

- Volkswagen Group donates goods with a total value of about €40 million
- Ordering and delivery marathon for 13 million units and about 750,000 liters of disinfectant
- Group also organizes and delivers a large quantity of supplies ordered by the German government
- Bernd Althusmann, Minister of Economic Affairs of Lower Saxony, Gunnar Kilian, HR Board Member of Volkswagen, and the Chairman of the Group Works Council Bernd Osterloh took delivery of further supplies from China at Hanover airport

Wolfsburg, April 26, 2020 – Large quantities of the medical supplies which the Volkswagen Group has been organizing in China for doctors, care facilities and hospitals since the end of March are now arriving in Germany. About 5 million face masks have now been delivered and many of them have already been distributed. Over the next few days, many other consignments are expected, bringing the total number of equipment items to 13 million, in addition, 750,000 liters of disinfectant, which will be arriving from May onwards, have been ordered. The total value of the supplies being donated by the Volkswagen Group to support medical and care facilities is about €40 million. In addition, the Group is also organizing and delivering medical supplies ordered by the German government under a framework agreement with the Federal Ministry of Health. Further deliveries of several million masks are expected over the next few weeks. On Sunday afternoon, Bernd Althusmann, Minister of Economic Affairs of Lower Saxony, Gunnar Kilian, HR Board Member of Volkswagen, and the Chairman of the Group Works Council Bernd Osterloh welcomed an aircraft with a further consignment from China at Hanover airport. Among other items, this consignment included temperature scanners which are being donated by Volkswagen to the German government and the State of Lower Saxony, as well as masks ordered by the German government.

Bernd Althusmann, Minister of Economic Affairs of Lower Saxony, said: “Volkswagen is sending out a strong signal through its commitment to lower Saxony in this exceptional situation. The availability of

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medical protective equipment is a key factor in combating the coronavirus pandemic and will help in ensuring that our health system remains stable and functions reliably despite the crisis.”

Volkswagen HR Board Member Gunnar Kilian said: “The battle against coronavirus has not yet been won. Everyone and every company must help to curb the spread of the virus. This is why health protection takes absolute priority, also during the resumption of production. Medical practitioners and nurses continue to need our full support. For them, the fight against coronavirus is a marathon. Volkswagen is helping them with its donation. Our Procurement, Health, Finance and Logistics teams have devoted their full effort to this project.”

The Chairman of the Volkswagen Group Works Council Bernd Osterloh said: „Our colleagues are proud that Volkswagen at this point in time supports this major effort to safeguard supplies. It’s more than 40 years ago now that Volkswagen as one of the first international automakers started to forge links with China. Now we benefit from decades of close partnership in another context.“

In addition to the 5 million masks which have now arrived, about 250,000 pairs of protective gloves and 18,000 sets of protective clothing which have already arrived, further consignments are expected in the near future. The supplies are being distributed within Germany by public bodies.

Over the past few weeks, Volkswagen has received a large number of requests for help from hospitals, medical practices and social facilities. As the company itself did not have the requested quantities of materials available, experts from Group Health, Group Procurement, Group Logistics and Group Finance cooperated closely to ensure supplies to the facilities concerned as quickly as possible.

The Volkswagen teams analyzed demand in Germany, identified suitable suppliers in China, rapidly initiated the orders required and coordinated transport by air freight from China to Germany. The disinfectant was ordered and produced in Germany. In this case too, public bodies are responsible for distribution.

Note:

Photos are available from 5:30 p.m. at www.volkswagen-newsroom.com.

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In 2019, the total number of vehicles delivered to customers by the Group globally was 10.97 million (2018: 10.83 million). The passenger car global market share was 12.9 percent. Group sales revenue in 2019 totaled EUR 252.6 billion (2018: EUR 235.8 billion). Earnings after tax in the fiscal year now ended amounted to EUR 14.0 billion (2018: EUR 12.2 billion).
