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Second Environmental Audit successfully closed

Wolfsburg, February 18, 2019 - The EMS Audit Report 2018 is a report on a special audit of the Environmental Management System that was conducted in 2018. This audit is a requirement arising from Volkswagen's agreements with the Department of Justice (DoJ) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB), which came into force in 2017. The auditors did not find any deviations at any of the audited companies but made some suggestions for improvement.

The special audit relates specifically to Volkswagen AG, AUDI AG and Volkswagen Group of America (including Volkswagen Group of America Chattanooga Operations, LLC). Volkswagen, Audi and Volkswagen Group of America are being audited separately across the three years and thereafter each receives its own report. Following Volkswagen and Audi, Volkswagen Group of America has now also published its report for 2018.

The agreements with the US authorities require Volkswagen to retain an independent third party to conduct an audit of the environmental management system (EMS) for the product development processes for vehicles to be certified for sale in the US. This audit is to be conducted for 2017, 2018 and 2019. All special audits are being conducted by an independent third party, Bureau Veritas, one of the leading companies globally for auditing and certification.

The three reports have been published in German and English on the site provided for this at: <https://www.vwcourtsettlement.com/en/2-0-models/> and can be found under: Court Documents, Forms & Notices → **“Reports Submitted Pursuant to the Third Partial Consent Decrees”**.

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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 44,170 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 10,834 million (2017: 10,741 million). The passenger car global market share was 12.1 per cent. In Western Europe 22.0 per cent of all new passenger cars come from the Volkswagen Group. Group sales revenue in 2017 totalled €231 billion (2016: €217 billion). Earnings after tax in 2017 amounted to €11.6 billion (2016: €5.4 billion).
