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Supervisory Board and Board of Management take important decisions for future of Volkswagen Group

- Investments of just under one billion euros planned to set up battery cell production facility with partner in Lower Saxony
- Volkswagen begins concrete negotiations for a new multibrand plant in Europe
- Forward-looking industrial solution for MAN Energy Solutions (ES) and RENK AG to be developed
- IPO of TRATON SE planned before 2019 summer break

Wolfsburg, May 13, 2019 – The Supervisory Board and Board of Management of Volkswagen AG took important decisions for the future of the Volkswagen Group today. As part of its electrification offensive the Volkswagen Group is to move forward with setting up a battery cell production facility in Europe under a partnership. To that end, the Supervisory Board approved investments of just under one billion euros at today's meeting. It is planned to locate a battery cell production facility in Lower Saxony (Salzgitter). It was also decided to begin concrete negotiations on the planned new multibrand plant in Europe with the remaining potential locations. In addition, the Supervisory Board requested the Board of Management to start the process to develop a forward-looking, industrially meaningful solution for MAN Energy Solutions (ES) and RENK AG. The focus lies on opening future-oriented growth perspectives for mechanical engineering in the Group, for example through a joint venture, partnerships, or a full or partial sale. Furthermore, it was decided to prepare an IPO of TRATON SE to be launched before the 2019 summer break, subject to further market developments.

“We approved important strategic decisions for the Volkswagen Group at today's Supervisory Board meeting. As part of our comprehensive electrification offensive we plan to secure our battery capacities through strategic partnerships. At the same time, we wish to expand our production capacities in Europe to support our growth plans. Given the ever greater complexity of our industry and the related challenges, it is essential to focus on our core business,” Supervisory Board Chairman Hans Dieter Pötsch said.

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“The automotive industry is in the midst of a fundamental transformation, a transformation that we are also vigorously driving forward at Volkswagen. We are pressing ahead with the electrification and digitalization of our fleet like no other automotive company. At the same time, we are building up innovative business areas over the coming years to cater for innovative mobility services. This is about aligning the Volkswagen Group to play a decisive role in shaping the sweeping transformation of our industry. Today’s decisions are important milestones for the future of Volkswagen”, Volkswagen CEO Herbert Diess commented.

The Chairman of the Group and General Works Council, Bernd Osterloh, said: “The employee representatives on the Supervisory Board welcome the decisions, which they expressly support. These decisions set the course for the sustainable further development of secure jobs as well as profitability.”

The Minister President of Lower Saxony, Stephan Weil, commented: “Today’s decision by the Supervisory Board marks a breakthrough for battery cell production in Lower Saxony. The production of battery cells is crucial for the Number 1 automotive stronghold. These are positive signals for the Salzgitter location. I am very optimistic that battery cells can be produced in Germany at competitive conditions.”

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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 10,831 million (2017: 10,741 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 totaled €235.8 billion (2017: €231 billion). Earnings after tax in 2017 amounted to €17.1 billion (2017: €11.6 billion).
