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# Volkswagen Group has already set up more than 15,000 HPC points around the world

- **Expansion plans by end of the Year: to install up to 25,000 high-power charging points around the world with the help of partners**
- **Volkswagen began to create a global fast-charging network years ago.**
- **Thomas Schmall, Volkswagen Group Board Member for Technology: “We are now among the trailblazers in electric mobility, and we have 15,000 fast chargers in North America, China and Europe to prove it.”**
- **NEW AUTO and the 10-point plan CEO Oliver Blume: Charging & energy are strategic pillars and the core business of the Volkswagen Group**

**Wolfsburg, 27 January 2023 – The Volkswagen Group has just completed an interim assessment of its global network of fast-charging points around the world: At the end of 2022, more than one-third of the 45,000 high-power charging (HPC) points that the company plans to install had been connected to the network – a total of about 15,000 fast chargers with a charging capacity of up to 350 kW. At Power Day 2021, the Group announced its plan to become the first international car manufacturer that would create a global HPC network that all electric vehicles could use as part of an alliance with the company’s partners. Under this plan, about 10,000 HPC points are to be operating in Europe and up to 25,000 around the world by the end of 2023.**



HPC network together with strong partners

Thomas Schmall, Volkswagen Group Board Member for Technology and CEO of Volkswagen Group Components, stressed one point about the company’s work: “Volkswagen started creating this global fast-charging network years ago. We are now among the trailblazers in electric mobility, and we have 15,000 fast-charging points in North America, China and Europe to prove it. It is an accomplishment that we achieved jointly with our industry and energy-sector partners. We consider charging to be not only a

precondition for e-mobility, but also a high-potential strategic business area of the future. We intend to expand it even further in the future.”

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The fast-charging points in Europe are being installed in part with the help of IONITY, a joint venture involving the Group brands Audi and Volkswagen Passenger Cars as well as the sports-car maker Porsche. Last year, the Group also announced the establishment of Ewiva, a joint venture in Italy with Enel X Way, a member of the Enel Group. Volkswagen is also installing fast-charging points in a partnership with BP and Iberdrola. Working with BP, the Group plans to install about 8,000 fast-charging points across Europe. This network is being equipped with the Flexpole fast-charging station produced by Volkswagen Components, among other systems. The Group is working with Iberdrola to cover main traffic arteries in Spain. In the United States, the expansion of the Group's electric infrastructure is being overseen by Electrify America, the largest public fast-charging network in North America. In China, this work is being performed by the joint venture CAMS. As the company announced at Power Day, Volkswagen and its partners plan to expand the network to 45,000 HPC stations by 2025: 18,000 HPC stations in Europe, 10,000 in North America and 17,000 in China.

Elke Temme, SVP Charging & Energy, said: "Our goal is to make electric mobility accessible to everyone. The successes we have achieved with our strong partners send one clear message: We are applying the right strategy. Together, we can create sustainable and accessible mobility of the future."

**The Volkswagen Group has turned Charging and Energy into its core business**

The NEW AUTO strategy that the Group implemented at the beginning of 2021 bundles all activities in the areas of charging and energy that are overseen by the board-level management function Technology. Volkswagen Group Technology now plays a key role in the company's electric mobility strategy, a plan in which the company has committed itself to becoming a leading provider of an intelligent charging and energy ecosystem. Group CEO Oliver Blume has also underscored this role in his 10-point plan, a strategy that defines the area of Charging & Energy as an elementary aspect of the company's future. In addition to developing a global network of public fast-charging stations, the company has created a product range that covers all aspects of charging solutions for private customers and companies – from Volkswagen's own Wallbox to flexible fast-charging stations, charging services and innovative and smart green-power rates. Volkswagen is also working to integrate electric cars as mobile powerbanks into the energy system and create added value for drivers.

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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 ten core brands from seven European countries: Volkswagen Passenger Cars, Audi, SEAT, CUPRA, ŠKODA, Bentley, Lamborghini, Porsche, Ducati and Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles. 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 range from pick-ups to buses and heavy trucks. Every weekday, 672.800 employees around the globe are involved in vehicle-related services or work in other areas of business. The Volkswagen Group sells its vehicles in 153 countries.

In 2021, the total number of vehicles delivered to customers by the Group globally was 8.9 million (2020: 9.3 million). Group sales revenue in 2021 totaled EUR 250.2 billion (2020: EUR 222.9 billion). Earnings after tax in 2021 amounted to EUR 15.4 billion (2020: EUR 8.8 billion).

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