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Volkswagen Group invests in automation for Emden, Hanover and Chattanooga plants

- **Volkswagen Passenger Cars and Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles brands step up pace of transformation to e-mobility era**
- **More than 2,200 new robots ordered for planned production of electric cars at Emden, Hanover and Chattanooga**
- **These are to become the most advanced production plants in the industry**

Wolfsburg (Germany), October 14, 2020 – The Volkswagen Passenger Cars and Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles brands are working flat out on the transformation to the e-mobility era and the conversion of plants to e-mobility. The Volkswagen brand has now ordered more than 1,400 robots from Japanese manufacturer FANUC for its production facilities at Chattanooga (USA) and Emden. Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles has ordered a further 800 robots for its Hanover plant from ABB of Switzerland. The robots are to be mainly used for body production and battery assembly. The three plants are currently being prepared for the production of electric cars using highly advanced facilities. From 2022, the ID.4¹ is to be produced at Chattanooga (USA) and Emden, while the model known under the show car name of ID. BUZZ² is to roll off the production line at Hanover.



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Christian Vollmer, Member of the Board of Management of the Volkswagen brand responsible for

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Production and Logistics, says: “At Emden and Chattanooga, we are developing two of the most advanced production facilities in the automotive industry for the transformation to e-mobility. We are investing in the latest technologies such as digitalization and automation for this purpose even in the present situation.”

The ID. BUZZ is to be produced at the Hanover plant of Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles from 2022. “Our conversion work is proceeding entirely to schedule,” says Josef Baumert, Member of the Board of Management of Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles responsible for Production and Logistics. “With the launch of the ID. BUZZ, we will complete the modernization of our Hanover plant currently in progress, which will also benefit all the other models produced at this location.”

In total, the Group plans to invest €33 billion by 2024 with a view to becoming the world market leader in e-mobility. Several billion euros are to be invested in these three plants.

¹⁾ ID.4: Power consumption (NEDC), kWh/100 km, combined 16.9 – 16.2, CO₂ emissions, g/km: 0, efficiency class A

²⁾ ID. BUZZ: study



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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 range from pick-ups to buses and heavy trucks. Every weekday, 671.205 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 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).
