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## Volkswagen is making faster progress towards sustainable and efficient production

- **Today, the production of each vehicle is 37 per cent more environmental compatible than in 2010**
- **2019 performance measures amount to an estimated one billion euros**
- **Productivity is expected to increase six per cent**
- **Blume, Member of the Group Board of Management: "We are making faster progress in sustainability and efficiency than planned – but we must persist in our efforts."**

**Wolfsburg, 26 November 2019 – Volkswagen Group is making faster progress towards sustainable and efficient production. At the same time, the company continues to make good progress towards reducing its production costs. Oliver Blume, Member of the Board of Management of the Volkswagen Group and Chairman of the Board of Porsche AG says: "We are producing more environmentally friendly than ever. From 2010 to the end of 2019, the environmental impact per produced vehicle is expected to drop by more than 37 per cent." To address offsetting trends, performance measures estimated at one billion euros are also being made in production, and productivity is increasing by six per cent. At the same time, however, Blume emphasises that further efficiency measures must not be neglected.**

"In pursuing the target of halving the environmental impact of production by 2025, Volkswagen Group is certainly in a better position now than planned, having attained a 37 per cent reduction." The following five criteria flow into the assessment of environmental impact per vehicle: CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, energy use, water use and solvent use, and generated waste. In the past two years alone, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per vehicle were reduced by more than ten per cent.

The Group is also making good progress towards attaining the target of improving manufacturing productivity by 30 percent over the period 2016 to 2025. This year, productivity is expected to be six per cent above the prior year level, and it is production sites outside of Germany which have made the most significant contributions here. The improvement is better than originally planned. In sum, investments for performance measures in the Group in 2019 are estimated to be one billion euros – before offsetting effects such as inflation and tariff increases. Blume had this to say: "Our sustainable production is a decisive factor in order to also live up to our social responsibility."

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At the same time, Blume emphasised the importance of efficiency measures in Group Production. „Inter-brand knowledge transfer and close cooperation are key factors of success in achieving further productivity increases and in reducing costs and investments." It is becoming increasingly more important to replicate excellent examples and solutions and transfer them from one site to the others. "We have 122 Group production sites worldwide. This production network offers tremendous potential for synergies. We continue to implement our production strategy measures systematically.“



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## **About the Volkswagen Group:**

Based in Wolfsburg, Germany, the Volkswagen Group is one of the world's leading carmakers and the largest car manufacturer in Europe. Twelve brands from seven European countries belong to the Group: 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, global deliveries of Group vehicles amounted to 10,831 million units (2017: 10,741 million units). 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 was €235.8 billion (2017: €231 billion). Profit after tax for the previous business year was €17.1 billion (2017: €11.6 billion).

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