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## Volkswagen supports its 40,000 suppliers with instructions for protective measures in production

- **With immediate effect, the Volkswagen Group is sharing its covid health protection standards with its suppliers and logistics contractors**
- **Volkswagen Group Board Member for Procurement Stefan Sommer: “We are reacting to the considerable demand from our suppliers.”**
- **Gerd Walker, Head of Production, Volkswagen Group: “Teams from all the brands have worked intensively on these measures for several weeks.”**

**Wolfsburg, April 22, 2020 – In connection with the resumption of production, the Volkswagen Group has developed measures ensuring the maximum level of health protection for its employees and is now implementing them at its plants. In order to provide the best possible support for the resumption of production and logistics processes in the coronavirus crisis by its more than 40,000 suppliers and several hundred logistics contractors throughout the world, the Group is making its concepts available to them with immediate effect.**



**Volkswagen relies on maximum health protection when the production restarts**

Stefan Sommer, Board Member of the Volkswagen Group responsible for Procurement, said: “We are reacting to the large number of enquiries received and to the evident demand on the part of our suppliers. We hope to be able to help them protect the health of their employees in connection with the resumption of their activities. This applies especially to those suppliers who may not have the resources needed to develop such a package of measures in a short space of time.”

Gerd Walker, Head of Production of the Volkswagen Group, said: “Over a period of several weeks, more than 50 process and health experts from all Group brands have developed standards that apply throughout the Group to protect employees against covid-19 infection risks.” They also include specific communication packages for everyday work in production, logistics and the office. A works agreement on the subject covers the scope and implementation of the measures.

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The suppliers, service providers and logistics contractors with which the Group cooperates will receive access to the protection measures proposed via the Volkswagen B2B platform [www.vwgroupsupply.com](http://www.vwgroupsupply.com) and will be able to inspect the entire package of measures and use it in accordance with their requirements. For communications on the standards, the Group has developed a variety of communication materials which are available in 19 languages.



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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 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).