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Works meeting in Wolfsburg: team praised for improving efficiency and productivity

- **Board Member for Human Resources Kilian: we must work rigorously on our earnings power to safeguard the future**
 - **Works Council Chairman Osterloh: earn money again in overseas regions**
 - **Group Board of Management Member Blume: we are leveraging synergies, improving infrastructure, reducing factory costs**
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Wolfsburg – At today’s works meeting held at the Wolfsburg plant, Board Member for Human Resources Gunnar Kilian, Group and General Works Council Chairman Bernd Osterloh and Group Board of Management Member Oliver Blume thanked employees for their commitment in the first half of 2018. 34 special shifts were worked at the Wolfsburg plant in the first two quarters alone, and several thousand vehicles were produced and stored on an interim basis due to the WLTP test procedure ready for delivery once approvals have been issued by the authorities. Kilian underscored that Volkswagen will not let up in its efficiency efforts. Osterloh called for clarity for the workforce about plant operation in the 4th quarter. Blume emphasized that Group Production sees itself as a driver for efficiency, and gives the Group a clear competitive edge.

Kilian said: “The Volkswagen Group is making good progress in 2018, and the Volkswagen brand is making a growing contribution to that success.” He thanked employees for their achievements over the past months: “Thank you for the 36,200 vehicles you built despite the intense heat in the production halls, thank you for 34 special shifts in the first two quarters, thank you for your efforts in preparing for WLTP. You have all done a great job!” At the same time, Kilian stressed: “We will be facing big challenges in future, too. We must become more efficient and more productive and work rigorously on our earnings power, because we first have to earn the money we need to make important investments in the future. Only then can we safeguard the future of Volkswagen.”

Osterloh called on the company to make progress in implementing the WLTP test procedure: “Do what is needed to put WLTP behind us as quickly as possible because our colleagues in Production do not want to sit around at home, they want to build cars.” He also commented on the issue of improving the company’s results: “When the Board of Management makes

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sure we finally start earning money again in Russia, India, the ASEAN region, South America and North America, then we will also see a higher return."

Oliver Blume, Chairman of the Porsche Executive Board and the Member of the Group Board of Management responsible for Group Production, congratulated the team at the Wolfsburg plant on winning the Automotive Lean Production Award: "You deserve this accolade because you are moving very fast toward greater productivity and efficiency." Blume underscored: "Production must, and will, make a decisive contribution to safeguarding the competitiveness of the brand and the Group. Standards will enable us to leverage further synergies, improve infrastructure, reduce factory costs, increase productivity and further enhance both quality and our environmental KPIs."

Two special vehicles were also on show at the works meeting. Apprentices presented the GTI Next Level* built by apprentices from Wolfsburg for the GTI meet at Lake Wörthersee. Employees were also introduced to the I.D. R Pikes Peak, the fully electrically-driven race car that made history with its record-breaking run during this year's legendary Pikes Peak hill climb in Colorado Springs/USA.

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Note: Images are available from 1:30 p.m. from www.volkswagen-newsroom.com.

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