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Personnel changes in BMW Group's global production network

Change of management at Plants Munich, Spartanburg and Oxford, effective 1 September

Munich / Oxford / Spartanburg. The BMW Group's production locations in Munich, Oxford and Spartanburg will have new plant directors from 1 September. With the retirement of Knudt Flor (61), Robert Engelhorn (51) will take over the management of what is currently the BMW Group's largest production location, in Spartanburg, USA, which produces the overwhelming majority of BMW X vehicles. Last year, despite restrictions due to the pandemic, its production volume totalled more than 360,000 vehicles. Engelhorn is currently in charge of the main plant in Munich.

He hands over to Peter Weber (49), the current head of Plants Oxford (MINI) and Swindon (pressings and body components). Weber brings his expertise from handling the launch of the fully-electric MINI Cooper SE* to Plant Munich, where the first BMW i4* will come off the production line this autumn. Markus Grüneisl is moving to the UK to take over from Weber as the future head of both plants. The 45-year-old is currently responsible for areas including the BMW production system, process excellence and plant digitalisation at BMW Group headquarters.

"All three are proven experts with extensive process know-how, years of experience and, not least, excellent leadership qualities. I am certain these colleagues will rigorously implement our key future projects – the transformation of electromobility, digitalisation and sustainability – and continue our plants' success stories," said Milan Nedeljković, member of the Board of Management of BMW AG responsible for Production.

***Fuel consumption/emissions data:**

MINI Cooper SE: Fuel consumption combined: 0.0 l/100 km; power consumption combined: 16.9-14.9 kWh/100 km NEDC; 17.6-15.2 kWh/100 km WLTP; CO₂ emissions combined: 0 g/km

BMW i4: Since this is a pre-production model, homologation figures are not yet available.

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Uniquely flexible and highly efficient, the BMW Group production network is able to respond quickly to changing markets and regional sales fluctuations. Expertise in manufacturing is a key contributor to the BMW Group's profitability.

The BMW Group production network uses a range of innovative digital and Industry 4.0 (IoT) technologies, including virtual reality, artificial intelligence and 3D printing applications. Standardised processes and structures across the production system ensure consistent premium quality and allow a high degree of customisation.

The BMW Group

With its four brands BMW, MINI, Rolls-Royce and BMW Motorrad, the BMW Group is the world's leading premium manufacturer of automobiles and motorcycles and also provides premium financial and mobility services. The BMW Group production network comprises 31 production and assembly facilities in 15 countries; the company has a global sales network in more than 140 countries.

In 2020, the BMW Group sold over 2.3 million passenger vehicles and more than 169,000 motorcycles worldwide. The profit before tax in the financial year 2020 was € 5.222 billion on revenues amounting to € 98.990 billion. As of 31 December 2020, the BMW Group had a workforce of 120,726 employees.

The success of the BMW Group has always been based on long-term thinking and responsible action. The company set its course for the future early on and is making sustainability and resource efficiency the focus of the company's strategic direction – from the supply chain, through production, to the end of the use phase, for all its products.

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