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Volkswagen Group on course to reduce CO₂ emissions

- Voluntary commitment of the Volkswagen Group to reach net CO₂ neutrality by 2050
- Start of production of the net CO2-neutral Volkswagen ID.3¹ in November 2019
- Concrete targets for reducing fleet consumption from 2020

Wolfsburg, October 18, 2019 – While the climate package continues to be a political issue in Germany, Volkswagen committed itself to the Paris Climate Agreement some time ago. The Group has set the course for being net CO₂-neutral in 2050 in line with its "goTOzero" environmental mission statement.

For reducing CO_2 emission the Volkswagen Group focuses on the electrification of its fleet. It has been developing the Modular Electrical Toolkit since 2016. From 2020, the electric vehicle ID.3¹ will be launched on the market out of a net CO_2 -neutral production. In addition Volkswagen offers its customers electricity from renewable sources for battery charging. Start of production is on No-vember 4, 2019 at the Volkswagen Zwickau plant.

In the further course of its e-offensive until 2025, the group will launch almost 70 E-models and will sell more than three million electric vehicles annually. To produce these volumes, eight vehicle plants in Europe, China and the USA will be converted to electric vehicle production by 2022.

In addition, under its "goTOzero" mission statement, the Volkswagen Group has set itself targets for reducing CO_2 emissions of its fleet, which consists of almost 11 million new vehicles annually being manufactured in 122 plants worldwide:

- From 2020, the company intends to reduce the CO₂ emissions of the new car fleet in Europe from 123g CO₂ / km in 2018 to 99g CO₂ / km.
- By 2025, the plants will cut the CO₂ emissions per vehicle manufactured by 45 per cent compared to 2010.
- By 2025, the Group's carbon footprint will be cut by 30 percent per vehicle over the life cycle compared to 2015.
- By 2030, the Volkswagen Group will reduce the CO_2 emissions of its new passenger car fleet to 74g CO_2 / km.

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By 2030, once the targets have been achieved, the Group's new-car fleet will consist of about 40 percent electric vehicles.

¹ID.3: The vehicle is not yet available for sale in Europe.



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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 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, the total number of vehicles supplied to customers by the Group globally was 10,83 million (2017: 10,741 million). 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 totalled €235.8 billion (2017: €231 billion). Earnings after tax in 2017 amounted to €17.1 billion (2017: €11.6 billion).