

PRESS RELEASE

Volkswagen opens electric platform to third-parties

e.GO to become first partner for e-mobility platform (MEB)

Aachen/Genf 4 March 2019 – The Volkswagen Group is opening its Modular Electric Toolkit (MEB) developed in recent years to other manufacturers. The purpose is to achieve a significant reduction in the cost of e-mobility through the widest possible deployment of the MEB and the associated economies of scale, thus enabling broad access to individual mobility to continue in future. The Volkswagen Group is currently projecting a first wave of some 15 million pure electric vehicles based on the MEB. e.GO Mobile AG based in Aachen, Germany, is to be the world's first external partner to use the electric platform to launch further electric vehicles in addition to Volkswagen's model range. A dedicated vehicle project is already being planned. Volkswagen is highlighting the MEB's variability even for small series with the ID. Buggy on show at the Geneva International Motor Show.

Dr. Herbert Diess, CEO of Volkswagen AG, commented: "Our Modular Transverse Toolkit proved we are platform experts. Over 100 million of our vehicles are based on that particular platform. With the MEB platform, we are now transferring this successful concept to the electric era and opening it to other carmakers. The MEB is to establish itself as the standard for e-mobility. Based on the MEB, we will make individual mobility CO₂-neutral, safe, comfortable and accessible to as many people as possible. Because the MEB even makes the cost-efficient production of emotional small-series vehicles like the ID. Buggy possible. I am delighted that e.GO has become the first partner to use our electric platform as the basis for a jointly-defined vehicle project."

Prof. Dr. Günther Schuh, CEO of e.GO Mobile AG, added: "We are extremely pleased the Volkswagen Group offered us this cooperation. We can contribute e.GO's agile product development and our strength in building small-series vehicles based on extruded aluminum space-

frames. And the MEB platform will make us faster, more robust and cost-efficient.”

Press conference of e.GO Mobile AG on Tuesday, March 5 at 11.30 am in Genf.

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**Joint performance at the group night:
Dr. Herbert Diess, CEO VW (ri.), and Prof. Günther Schuh, CEO e.GO Mobile AG, in the ID. BUGGY
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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 44,170 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 10,834 million (2017: 10,741 million). The passenger car global market share was 12.1 per cent. In Western Europe 22.0 per cent of all new passenger cars come from the Volkswagen Group. Group sales revenue in 2017 totalled €231 billion (2016: €217 billion). Earnings after tax in 2017 amounted to €11.6 billion (2016: €5.4 billion).

e.GO Mobile AG

e.GO Mobile AG was founded in 2015 by Professor Dr. Guenther Schuh as a manufacturer of electric vehicles. On the RWTH Aachen campus, the 400 employees so far benefit not only from the trailblazer StreetScooter, but also from the campus's unique network of research facilities and its 360 technology companies. Agile teams work with a variety of low-cost and customer-focused electric vehicles for short-haul traffic. For serial production, e.GO Mobile AG is going into operation of its new plant in Rothe Erde, Aachen.

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