

Media Information

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**BMW Group Future Mobility Development Center:  
conclusion of a contract for the land transfer process.**

BMW Group will be renting the land for BMW Group Future Mobility Development Center from the current owner. BMW will purchase it after the construction has been completed and the centre put into operation. The centre will give jobs to several hundred people in the area.

**Sokolov/Munich.** BMW Group Future Mobility Development Center s.r.o. and Sokolovská uhelná, právní nástupce, a.s. entered into a contract for a process leading to the purchase of the land by BMW Group Future Mobility Development Center and for other aspects of the cooperation. The contract was concluded in Sokolov. On behalf of BMW Group FMDC, the contract was signed by Roland Krause and Dr. Helwig Lehmann, Executive Officers, and on behalf of Sokolovská uhelná, a.s. by Ing. Zbyšek Klapka, Chairman of the Board, and by Ing. Jiří Pöpperl, Member of the Board. BMW Mobility Development Center s.r.o. will be renting the land from Sokolovská uhelná, a.s. from the day of signing the contract to the day of putting the new development centre into operation which is expected to occur in 2022.

"The BMW Group FMDC plays an important role in the transformation of the BMW Group to the techcompany. The signing is the next step to the future mobility that will be developed and approved on the new site near Sokolov. We say thank you to Sokolovská uhelná for a constructive and efficient cooperation," said Helwig Lehmann, responsible for the construction of the site.

This procedure was the last necessary preparatory step to be taken before the building work starts, which has already been initiated with preparatory measures. In addition, both parties have agreed to cooperate in other areas. Moreover, it is another important step not only for the revitalisation of the large area between the villages of Dolní Nivý, Lomnice and Vintřov, where the new development centre is to be built, but also for the entire Region of Karlovy Vary. Since starting the project BMW Group pursues the aim to be recognized as a good corporate citizen and actively supports in the areas of sport, cultural and social events, as well as in the area of education.

"The signing of the contract with the BMW Group, which will subsequently build a center for the development and testing of future technologies, is an

important step for our company to secure the future of our region," says the Chairman of the Board Sokolovská uhelná, Dr. Zbyšek Klapka. "With the BMW Group, we have won an important partner for our region."

The new development centre, which is being prepared north of Sokolov, is very important for the region. It will give jobs to several hundred people and contribute to a major improvement of the region's reputation. The new development site will consist of a complex of test tracks that will be used for the development and testing of future technologies.

The main elements of the area will consist of various circuit tracks, rural roads and a city simulation. In the final stage, 16 different test tracks with a total length of over 100 kilometers will be available. In addition, the administrative and operational buildings, workshops, warehouses and infrastructures required for the operation as well as the test and trial implementation are created on the approx. 650 hectare site.

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