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BMW i and SOLARWATT cooperate on sustainable charging solutions **Solar carport provides home solar charging for electric vehicles**

Munich. SOLARWATT GmbH and BMW i will be teaming up to supply combined rooftop and carport photovoltaic solutions for future BMW i customers. The new SOLARWATT CARPORT SYSTEM will offer BMW i3 and BMW i8 owners an attractively designed solar-based electric vehicle charging plus household microgeneration system using innovative glass-glass modules. Various ordering methods will be available: customers can obtain SOLARWATT products at the same time as they purchase their BMW i vehicle or, alternatively, place their order over the internet.

Marcus Krieg, head of the 360° ELECTRIC project, explains: "This is the next step in the BMW i 360-degree package for customer-friendly electric mobility. With SOLARWATT, we are delighted to be working with a premium partner for customised solar solutions who will cater to our customers' high standards of quality and style."

Through the 360° ELECTRIC programme, BMW i will offer solutions for all aspects of electric mobility. Under this banner it has already entered into partnerships with Naturstrom, Schneider Electric and The Mobility House. These partnerships will support the overriding goal of ensuring that, by the launch date, the charging options for the BMW i3 and BMW i8 will include customer-friendly, sustainable and convenient solutions for home garage charging. All these partnerships are centred on the concept of sustainability. The BMW i3 will be the first electric vehicle on the market that has been designed specifically for electric mobility from the outset. Its market launch is scheduled for late 2013.

Detlef Neuhaus, CEO of SOLARWATT GmbH, sees this approach as confirming SOLARWATT's own strategy: "Cooperating with the leading carmaker and visionary supplier of electric vehicles and EV-related mobility services shows that our new systems offer practical solutions which will play an important role in future energy supply."

About BMW i

BMW i stands for visionary vehicles and mobility services, inspirational design and a new interpretation of premium that is strongly defined by sustainability. With BMW i, the BMW Group takes an all-encompassing approach. With its tailor-made vehicle concepts, sustainability across the entire value chain and

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complementary mobility services, BMW i redefines the concept of individual mobility.

Further information about BMW i can be found in the [BMW Group PressClub](#).

About SOLARWATT

Founded in 1993, SOLARWATT GmbH is headquartered in Dresden and operational across Europe. With a workforce of over 300, it is one of Germany's leading providers of photovoltaic solutions – from high-quality solar modules “made in Germany” all the way to intelligent systems for private and commercial use.

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The BMW Group

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In 2012, the BMW Group sold about 1.85 million cars and more than 117,000 motorcycles worldwide. The profit before tax for the financial year 2012 was euro 7.82 billion on revenues amounting to euro 76.85 billion. At 31 December 2012, the BMW Group had a workforce of 105,876 employees.

The success of the BMW Group has always been built on long-term thinking and responsible action. The company has therefore established ecological and social sustainability throughout the value chain, comprehensive product responsibility and a clear commitment to conserving resources as an integral part of its strategy. As a result of its efforts, the BMW Group has been ranked industry leader in the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes for the last eight years.

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