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Plant Dingolfing ramps up for new BMW 5 Series **Board of Management Member for Production Oliver** **Zipse: “Dingolfing remains our competence centre for** **upper-class BMW series”** **Several hundred million euros in investment**

Dingolfing. The seventh generation of the BMW 5 Series will also be built at BMW Group Plant Dingolfing in Lower Bavaria. Production of the new BMW 5 Series Sedan will ramp up before the end of the year, ready for market launch in early 2017. In preparation for the new model, there has been extensive refurbishment and construction in all technologies at the Dingolfing plant in recent months. Several hundred million euros have been invested in measures including a new body shop to the west of the plant and restructuring of drivetrain unit installation at the vehicle assembly facility.

“Dingolfing will remain our competence centre for production of upper-class BMW series,” according to Oliver Zipse, member of the Board of Management of BMW AG, responsible for Production. In addition to manufacturing all BMW 7 Series and BMW 6 Series models, the site will continue to produce all variants of the new BMW 5 Series and also serve as the lead plant for the BMW 5 Series’ international production network. For the first time, additional units of the new BMW 5 Series Sedan will also be built by Austrian contract manufacturer Magna Steyr AG & Co KG at their plant in Graz.

“The high level of flexibility within our global production network and reliable cooperation with our partner, Magna Steyr, will enable us to respond swiftly to the strong customer demand we anticipate for the world’s most successful business limousine,” adds Zipse.

The BMW 5 Series has been the market leader in the premium upper-class segment for many years, with more than 347,000 units sold in 2015.

Integration of new BMW 3 Series and 4 Series models means that production volumes at the BMW Group plant in Dingolfing have risen significantly. As a result, the site now produces around 350,000 vehicles per year. “The decision



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to build 3 Series and 4 Series variants here proves that we are competitive and makes us less dependent on the lifecycle of our large model series," explains Dingolfing Plant Manager Josef Kerscher. However, as a consequence of this successful growth, the plant can no longer accommodate the expected volumes alone. Nevertheless, the bulk of the BMW 5 Series models will still be produced in Dingolfing.

"We are delighted to have a highly-professional partner like Magna Steyr produce this successful model for us. They will certainly benefit from our years of experience building the BMW 5 Series: Our staff here in Dingolfing will work very closely with the plant in Graz," adds Kerscher.

The BMW 5 Series Sedan is the second BMW model to be produced by the Austrian contract manufacturer; the first was the BMW X3, which was manufactured by Magna Steyr between 2003 and 2010. Magna Steyr currently also builds the MINI Countryman and the MINI Paceman for the BMW Group.

Production of the new BMW 5 Series Sedan will get underway at the end of the year at the main plant in Dingolfing and at Magna Steyr in Graz in early 2017.

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BMW Group Plant Dingolfing.

The Dingolfing plant is one of 31 BMW Group production locations worldwide. Every day, around 1,600 vehicles of the BMW 3 Series, 4 Series, 5 Series, 6 Series and 7 Series roll off the assembly line at Automotive Plant 2.4. In 2015, the plant manufactured a total of more than 360,000 vehicles. The Dingolfing site currently employs a workforce of around 17,500, as well as 800 apprentices.

In addition to core automotive production, vehicle components, such as pressed parts and seats, and chassis and drivetrain components are also produced at the location. Leveraging its expertise in processing aluminium and years of experience building alternative drives, BMW Plant Dingolfing also supplies the company's Leipzig plant with key components for the new BMW i models, such as high-voltage batteries, e-transmissions and Drive structure, and also produces high-voltage batteries and electric motors for the BMW Group's plug-in hybrid models.

The site also makes the bodies-in-white for all Rolls-Royce models. The site's "Dynamic Centre", a large-scale storage location and transit point, supplies the BMW and MINI retail organisation worldwide with original BMW parts and accessories.

The BMW Group

With its three brands BMW, MINI and Rolls-Royce, the BMW Group is the world's leading premium manufacturer of automobiles and motorcycles and also provides premium financial and mobility services. As a global company, the BMW Group operates 31 production and assembly facilities in 14 countries and has a global sales network in more than 140 countries.

In 2015, the BMW Group sold approximately 2.247 million cars and nearly 137,000 motorcycles worldwide. The profit before tax for the financial year 2015 was approximately € 9.22 billion on revenues amounting to € 92.18 billion. As of 31 December 2015, the BMW Group had a workforce of 122,244 employees.

The success of the BMW Group has always been based 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.

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