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**Benedikt Doll starts the new season with the all-electric BMW i5 from Dingolfing – Mobility Partner BMW presents cars to the German National Biathlon Team.**

+++ Benedikt Doll visits BMW Group Plant Dingolfing +++  
Doll: "I could spend weeks here" +++ German National Biathlon Team starts the new season with electrified BMW vehicles +++

**Dingolfing/Munich.** With just over a month to go before the 2023/24 season of the BMW IBU World Cup gets started, the German National Biathlon Team was kitted out with mobility that is both efficient and sporty. The team was presented the new fleet of electrified vehicles by Mobility Partner BMW. Benedikt Doll, who finished fourth in the overall World Cup last season, received his car – the new all-electric BMW i5 – where it was made: at the BMW Group Plant Dingolfing.

Doll took the opportunity to have a closer look at the BMW Group's largest European production site and learn more at first hand about how his BMW i5 and other all-electric models such as the BMW i7 and the BMW iX are manufactured. The 33-year-old thanked the plant's employees for producing his new car with an autograph session. Christoph Schröder, Head of BMW Group Plant Dingolfing, handed over the key to Benedikt Doll personally, before he enthusiastically set off back home to the Black Forest.

"I learned a lot in such a short time. I could spend weeks here looking at everything," said Doll. "But I'm looking forward to finally being able to drive off in my new BMW i5. I really like the design of the car. But I'm even more impressed by all the technology inside it. Getting to experience that is what I'm going to enjoy the most."

Like so often on the track, Doll is also at the forefront as the driver of the first all-electric BMW 5 Series in history. The first BMW i5 cars have been being delivered to customers since last Saturday.

"We hope Benedikt Doll, and all our other customers, really enjoy the new BMW i5," said Schröder. "We were delighted to have him visit us

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and it was great to see how interested he was in the details of how the cars and electric drive systems are produced. We are proud to know that Benedikt will be driving an all-electric car that was made at our plant."

At the BMW Group Plant Dingolfing, which celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, more than 18,000 employees manufacture cars in the BMW 4 Series, 5 Series, 6 Series, 7 Series and 8 Series, as well as the all-electric BMW iX and BMW M GmbH cars. Approximately 282,000 BMW vehicles were produced here last year. In addition to cars, vehicle components such as pressed parts and chassis and drive systems are also manufactured in Dingolfing, and this is also where the centre of excellence for the production of electric drive systems is located, with around 2,400 employees. From here, BMW Group vehicle production plants around the world are supplied with e-motors and high-voltage batteries for the production of plug-in hybrid and all-electric models. Another essential component of the Dingolfing location is the dynamics centre, the heart of the BMW Group's central aftersales logistics. It supplies global BMW and MINI dealership organisations with original parts and accessories.

The National Biathlon Team is starting the new season with further electrified cars. For example, Franziska Preuß, Sophia Schneider, Vanessa Voigt and Roman Rees were each presented with a BMW 530e xDrive Touring (Combined fuel consumption: 1.9 – 1.5 l/100 km according to WLTP; power consumption combined: 18.6 – 17.1 kWh/100 km; CO2 emissions combined: 44 -35 g/km according to WLTP; figures according to NEFZ: -). And Hanna Kebinger will also be driving a plug-in hybrid car from now on, she received a BMW 330e xDrive Touring (Combined fuel consumption: 1.9 – 1.4 l/100 km according to WLTP; power consumption combined: 18.1 – 16.1 kWh/100 km; CO2 emissions combined: 42 -31 g/km according to WLTP; figures according to NEFZ: -).

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