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Change at the top at BMW Group Plant Landshut: Stefan Kasperowski hands over to Thomas Thym.

+++ Thym moves from Vice President Purchasing, Quality and Production Cockpit and Door Panels to Head of BMW Group Plant Landshut on 1 December +++ Kasperowski will take over responsibility for high-voltage battery production at Dingolfing and Regensburg +++ Carolin Seidel is new Press Spokesperson at Landshut +++

Landshut. Thomas Thym will succeed Stefan Kasperowski as Head of BMW Group Plant Landshut on 1 December. The 52-year-old has been at Plant Landshut since 2019 in the role of Vice President Purchasing, Quality and Production Cockpit and Door Panels. After almost four years at Landshut, Kasperowski will head up high-voltage battery production at Dingolfing and Regensburg. Carolin Seidel will take over as Press Spokesperson for Plant Landshut on 1 December.

"With his many years of experience in production, his expertise in the purchasing and supplier network and his connection to Plant Landshut, Thomas Thym is sure to lead the facility to further success in the future," says Joachim Post, Member of the Board of Management, Purchasing and Supplier Network at BMW AG.

Thym began his career at the BMW Group in 1997 as a project manager in vehicle assembly at Plant Regensburg. This was followed by roles at the MINI plant in Oxford, England and at Group headquarters in Munich. After assignments as head of the international purchasing office in India, the Munich-born mechanical engineering graduate took over responsibility for the strategic direction of the BMW Group's purchasing and supplier network.

Since 2019, Thym has headed up both global purchasing and the supplier network for interior components, as well as production of interior parts such as cockpits and door panels at Landshut and Wackersdorf. "I'm really looking forward to my new responsibilities and can't wait to write the next chapter in the plant's more than 50-year success story – together with the excellent Landshut team," says Thym. "It's also very important to me to showcase Plant Landshut not only as the largest employer in the region but also as an enduringly reliable local partner with a sense of social responsibility."

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Kasperowski was instrumental in driving the plant's future direction

Under Stefan Kasperowski's leadership, the company invested around €700 million in Plant Landshut, reinforcing the importance of the BMW Group's largest component plant worldwide. With Kasperowski at the helm, the light metal foundry – one of the most advanced of its kind – has constantly upgraded its production and logistics solutions, both in terms of efficiency and innovation, and as far as sustainability and circularity are concerned.

New Press Spokesperson at Plant Landshut

Also taking on a new role on 1 December alongside Thomas Thym is Carolin Seidel, who will begin work as Press Spokesperson of the Bavarian components plant. She will follow in the footsteps of Saskia Graser, who has been head of communications at the BMW Group's Regensburg and Wackersdorf facilities since 1 October.

Seidel has been at the BMW Group since 2013, and covered hydrogen/fuel cell technology and sustainability communications in vehicle development in her previous position as Press Spokesperson. Born in Chemnitz, Seidel is excited about her new role and the parallels between her previous areas of focus and the Landshut facility. The 35-year-old is bringing with her a wealth of experience in the world of communications. She spent 2013 to 2016 at the vehicle factories and engine plant run by the BMW joint venture in Shenyang, China. She was then spokesperson for the pilot plant and main plant in Munich up to 2021. "In Carolin Seidel, we are welcoming as our new spokesperson at Plant Landshut an extremely experienced and highly skilled communicator – as far as both our products and production are concerned," says Julian Friedrich, head of communications at the Dingolfing and Landshut plants.

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BMW Group Plant Landshut

At BMW Group Plant Landshut, around 3,500 employees produce light metal cast engine, suspension and body structure components, plastic components for the vehicle exterior, carbon body components, cockpit and equipment options, electric drive systems, special motors and propeller shafts. Plant Landshut is the BMW Group's largest component plant and supplies components to all BMW Group vehicle and engine plants worldwide – and therefore for virtually every BMW, MINI and Rolls-Royce vehicle, as well as for BMW Motorrad. Component production at BMW Group Plant Landshut is characterised by digitalisation, a focus on sustainability and a commitment to responsible use of resources.

With its forward-looking technologies, BMW Group Plant Landshut assumes the role of innovation driver in the technological transformation of the automotive sector and its supplier industry. At the Lightweight Construction and Technology Centre (LuTZ) adjacent to the plant, specialists from a wide range of disciplines are brought into development processes for new vehicles in the early stages and help to actively drive sustainable development of future vehicle models. BMW Group Plant Landshut is a socially responsible, innovative and attractive employer for the region of Landshut and Lower Bavaria.

<https://www.bmwgroup-werke.com/landshut/en.html>

The BMW Group

With its four brands BMW, MINI, Rolls-Royce and BMW Motorrad, the BMW Group is the world's leading premium manufacturer of automobiles and motorcycles and also provides premium financial and mobility services. The BMW Group production network comprises over 30 production sites worldwide; the company has a global sales network in more than 140 countries.

In 2022, the BMW Group sold nearly 2.4 million passenger vehicles and more than 202,000 motorcycles worldwide. The profit before tax in the financial year 2022 was € 23.5 billion on revenues amounting to € 142.6 billion. As of 31 December 2022, the BMW Group had a workforce of 149,475 employees.

The success of the BMW Group has always been based on long-term thinking and responsible action. The company set the course for the future at an early stage and consistently makes sustainability and efficient resource management central to its strategic direction, from the supply chain through production to the end of the use phase of all products.

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