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BMW Group Plant Leipzig's Exterior Components section wins Automotive Lean Production Award

BMW Group Plant Leipzig's Exterior Components section, TEK, has scooped the prestigious Automotive Lean Production Award in the category for Lean Digital Transformation. It now ranks among Europe's top production units for implementing lean production coupled with digital innovations – and sets new standards in the manufacturing sector.

Leipzig. Organisationaly, Exterior Components ('Technologie Exterieur Komponenten', TEK) forms part of the Purchasing and Supplier Network division at Leipzig. Its 450 employees produce over a million injection-moulded plastic exterior parts a year, including bumpers, sills and spoilers. These are supplied not just to Plant Leipzig but also to BMW Group Plants Dingolfing and Regensburg.

Explaining their decision, the jury praised the TEK for its consistent pursuit of the TEK 2028 vision. This is the driving force behind the redesign of the production system and will see the primary focus shift from car sets to large-scale just-in-sequence (JIS) production for the BMW Group. The jury cited the combination of lean principles and progressive digital approaches as being a key factor for success.

Christoph Theiselmann, head of the TEK, was delighted with the award: "I'm extremely proud of this important stage win and would like to thank all our employees for their outstanding team performance. This award is confirmation, from the highest level, of the significant progress the TEK has made on our journey of transformation. Going forward, a number of major steps still lie ahead, and enhancing and optimising innovations and efficiency will remain our key focus."

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The jury were particularly impressed by the variety of digital applications being implemented in the TEK, in areas such as data analytics, the planning and optimisation of assembly workplaces, quality assurance, anticipatory maintenance and virtual factory planning and commissioning – an excellent combination of top-down and bottom-up initiatives.

The eighteenth Lean Production Awards are presented by Agamus Consult and the industry magazine Automobil Produktion. The official award ceremony will take place on 26 and 27 November 2024 in Palmela, Portugal.

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Series production at BMW Group Plant Leipzig was launched in 2005. Today up to 1,000 vehicles a day roll off the production line. Leipzig's current model portfolio comprises the BMW 1 Series, BMW 2 Series Gran Coupé, BMW 2 Series Active Tourer and the MINI Countryman. The BMW Group has already invested more than 4 billion euros in the site at Leipzig, which employs approx. 6,000 people.

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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 2023, the BMW Group sold over 2.55 million passenger vehicles and more than 209,000 motorcycles worldwide. The profit before tax in the financial year 2023 was € 17.1 billion on revenues amounting to € 155.5 billion. As of 31 December 2023, the BMW Group had a workforce of 154,950 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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