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## **BMW Group Plant Dingolfing to supply batteries for all-electric MINI from 2019**

### Major investment to set up battery production

**Dingolfing.** BMW Group Plant Dingolfing is gearing up for higher future demand for electric drive trains by investing in extensive remodelling and expansion measures. A mid-double-digit-million-euro amount will be channelled into structural measures and equipment to produce batteries for the all-electric MINI alone. Covering an area of around 6,000 square metres in the west wing of the Dingolfing component plant 02.20, equipment for manufacturing battery modules will be set up, along with a battery assembly line. The first systems are currently being installed and will be tested sequentially.

“With the launch of new models and growing demand for electrified vehicles, we will be stepping up production of electric components significantly over the next few months and years,” said Roland Maurer, head of Planning and Production E-Powertrain at the BMW Group.

The fully electric MINI will be built in Oxford in the south of England, starting in late 2019. Batteries for the car will come from the new battery production facility in Dingolfing, with electric engines from the neighbouring BMW Group Plant in Landshut. As a result, the new innovation leader for the British premium small car-brand will have “English apparel and a Bavarian heart”.

From 2020, the plant in Dingolfing will also produce fifth-generation electric drive systems for the BMW Group’s future electrified vehicles, like the BMW iX3, the BMW i4 and the BMW iNEXT. The extensive remodelling and preparatory measures needed for this are already underway. In recognition of its growing importance and key role within the production network, the component plant 02.20 will now be renamed the “BMW Group Competence Centre e-drive production”.

Plant 02.20, one of the oldest sections of the Dingolfing plant cluster, has produced batteries and electric motors for BMW Group plug-in hybrid models since 2015. It was



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the headquarters of the BMW Group's global spare parts distribution for many decades. Parts distribution was gradually relocated to new warehouses in Wallersdorf and Bruckberg a few years ago, opening up space for the new "Competence Centre e-drive production". More than 300 people are currently employed there.

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**The BMW Group Plant Dingolfing**

Plant Dingolfing is one of the BMW Group's 30 global production sites. At Plant 02.40, about 1,600 cars of the BMW 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 Series roll off the assembly lines every day. In total, the plant manufactured more than 376,000 cars in 2017. At present, a total of approx. 18,000 people and 800 apprentices work at the BMW Group's site in Dingolfing.

In addition to the automotive core production, BMW Group Plant Dingolfing is also home to production facilities for vehicle components such as pressed parts, seats as well as chassis and drive components. Due to the plant's aluminium expertise in vehicle construction and longstanding experience in producing alternative drives, BMW Group Plant Dingolfing furthermore provides crucial components for the BMW i models – such as high-voltage battery, e-transmission and the drive structure – to the production site in Leipzig. In addition, Dingolfing produces both high voltage batteries and electric engines for the BMW Group's plug-in hybrid models.

The car bodies for all Rolls-Royce models are also manufactured at the site. The Dynamics Centre, a large storage and transshipment facility, provides the global BMW and MINI dealership organization with original parts and equipment.

**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 30 production and assembly facilities in 14 countries; the company has a global sales network in more than 140 countries.

In 2017, the BMW Group sold over 2,463,500 passenger vehicles and more than 164,000 motorcycles worldwide. The profit before tax in the financial year 2017 was € 10.655 billion on



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revenues amounting to € 98.678 billion. As of 31 December 2017, the BMW Group had a workforce of 129,932 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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