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**BMW Group South Africa and Nissan South Africa roll out electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Cape Town.**

**Midrand/Rosslyn**. As part of their Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in 2015, BMW Group South Africa and Nissan South Africa are expanding charging infrastructure for electric vehicles (EV) and plug-in electric hybrid vehicles (PHEV) with the introduction of their first joint charging stations in the Western Cape.

The three charging stations are located at the Victoria and Alfred (V&A) Waterfront in Cape Town and are supported by Growthpoint Properties, who manages the complex.

The charging stations will supplement the stations already installed by BMW across 27 BMW dealerships, at theMelrose Arch Precinct and at BMW’s Head office in Midrand to support the adoption of EVs in South Africa’s urban areas.

“With the MoU and the rollout of public charging infrastructure, the BMW Group is demonstrating its commitment to shaping the future of individual mobility with publicly accessible charging infrastructure for electrically powered vehicles. We understand that public charging infrastructure is a critical part of the future success of all electric vehicles in South Africa,” says Mr Tim Abbott, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BMW Group South Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa.

BMW Group has seen the sales of its innovative i-range of vehicles grow rapidly, with 52,116 BMW i3s sold since its introduction in 2013 and 9,203 units of the exclusive BMW i8 finding homes since its launch in 2014. In South Africa, BMW has sold a total of 141 BMW i3s and 159 BMW i8s units since its local introduction, making BMW i3 the most successful EV in the market.

In Cape Town, the V&A Waterfront AC fast charging stations will offer Type 2 connections that can be used by the BMW i3 and i8 as well as the Nissan LEAF. These stations are future proof and will be able to cater for future EV and PHEV models.

The next confirmed charging station site under the MOU in Cape Town is Constantia Village Mall and timing will be confirmed in due course.

The two companies have also confirmed that they are working on charging infrastructure at Brooklyn Mall in Pretoria and will continue to work together to expand the EV charging network throughout South Africa.

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