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BMW Group UK engine plant hits the five millionth milestone.

- Workforce at the Hams Hall site celebrate five millionth engine.
- Award-winning engines from the plant are at the heart of BMW and MINI vehicles.
- Plant is making a contribution to BMW Group's electrified strategy.

Hams Hall. Employees at BMW Group's Hams Hall engine manufacturing plant, near Birmingham, are celebrating the production of their five millionth engine.

The plant has a successful history, of more than 18 years, assembling award-winning three and four-cylinder petrol engines that are at the heart of a number of BMW and MINI models.

Contributing to the company's electrified strategy, Hams Hall-built engines are supplied for a growing number of plug-in hybrid vehicles, including the successful BMW i8 Coupe and BMW i8 Roadster. For the fifth consecutive year the plug-in hybrid drive system of the BMW i8 has topped its category at the International Engine of the Year Awards, and the car remains the most widely sold plug-in hybrid sports car worldwide. Other engines from the plant power MINI – currently celebrating its 60th year – as well as a line-up of 'X' vehicles and flagship performance models.

"We are delighted to be celebrating our five millionth engine," says plant director, Bernd Gress. "Our dedicated team works hard to ensure every one of those five million engines has been built to the highest standards of quality and dispatched promptly to one of our vehicle plants, so customers get their cars on time."

Engines roll off the production line every minute, destined to plants across the world, from Plant Oxford in the UK, the heart of MINI, to the Spartanburg plant in the USA, for BMW 'X' models.

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A second assembly facility at the plant, developed over the last six years, operates a more sedate pace, where engines are hand-built. This enables the plant to be highly

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flexible in producing many different types of engine specifications, including engines for higher performance models, like the BMW i8, the MINI JCW and the all-new BMW 1 Series flagship model, the M135i.

Key engine components - cylinder blocks, cylinder heads and crankshafts - are also machined at the plant for Hams Hall-built engines, as well as being supplied to other BMW Group engine manufacturing plants.

Annual engine production was over 375,000 in 2018, representing 13% of UK engine manufacturing and around 1.5 million components are machined each year.

Ends.**Image: Employees at BMW Group's Hams Hall engine manufacturing plant celebrate their five millionth engine.****Notes to Editors:**

- The Hams Hall plant has manufactured small, fuel-efficient, low emission petrol engines since 2001.
- The plant has benefited from a series of investments of several-hundred million-pounds to ensure the site remains state-of-the-art.
- The plant supports the jobs of more than 1,000 local people.

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 31 production and assembly facilities in 15 countries; the company has a global sales network in more than 140 countries.

In 2018, the BMW Group sold over 2,490,000 passenger vehicles and more than 165,000 motorcycles worldwide. The profit before tax in the financial year 2018 was € 9.815 billion on revenues amounting to € 97.480 billion. As of 31 December 2018, the BMW Group had a workforce of 134,682 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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