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ŠKODA AUTO takes part in Earth Hour for ninth time

- › Lights were switched off at ŠKODA AUTO for one hour last Saturday
- › ŠKODA AUTO has taken part in the World Wide Fund for Nature's (WWF) initiative for the ninth time in a row, setting an example for global climate and environmental protection
- › ŠKODA AUTO is continuously working on reducing its energy and water consumption per vehicle built; by 2025, ŠKODA is expecting to lower all production related externalities per vehicle built by 52.5 per cent of the 2010 figure.

Mladá Boleslav, 29 March 2021 – ŠKODA AUTO switched off the lights in 28 areas of its Czech plants, and in its Indian plant in Pune and Russian plant in Kaluga, from 20:30 to 21:30 last Saturday. It did so as part of the international Earth Hour initiative organised by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), in which ŠKODA AUTO has now participated an impressive nine times in a row. By taking part in the event, the Czech carmaker wants to symbolically emphasise its commitment to more environmental and climate protection. By 2025, ŠKODA is expecting to lower all production related externalities per vehicle built by 52.5 per cent of the 2010 figure. This includes the CO₂, energy and water consumption, and waste and volatile organic compounds.

In the Czech Republic the lights were switched off for one hour at the headquarters in Mladá Boleslav, the service centre in Kosmonosy as well as the Kvasiny and Vrchlabí plants last Saturday. In India, the lights were switched off in the carmaker's plant in Pune, while in Russia the lights went out in Kaluga. By participating in the global Earth Hour initiative, ŠKODA AUTO set an example for environmental protection and sustainable company development. The manufacturer intends to further improve its ecological footprint using various strategies and measures.

All the energy generated to power ŠKODA AUTO vehicle and component production plants in the Czech Republic will be CO₂-neutral in the second half of the decade. The Vrchlabí plant has been ŠKODA AUTO's first CO₂-neutral production facility since late 2020. One of the reasons is that ŠKODA AUTO is rigorously capitalising on alternative energies. Moreover, natural gas is going to be gradually replaced by CO₂-neutral methane from biogas plants as of 2021.

ŠKODA AUTO groups its environmental activities within its GreenFuture strategy. This is divided into three areas: GreenProduct focuses on the development of environmentally friendly drive systems and the use of recyclable materials in cars. Through the measures that fall under GreenRetail, ŠKODA AUTO is promoting eco-friendly operations at its dealerships and service facilities. GreenFactory comprises all of the activities that help to conserve resources during production. Key performance indicators such as energy and water consumption or the amount of waste produced per vehicle are accurately captured and optimised. The same applies to CO₂ emissions and so-called Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), which are produced when the car bodies are painted, for example.

In addition to GreenFuture, ŠKODA is also pursuing Volkswagen Group's goTOzero strategy, which addresses climate change, resources, air quality as well as environmental compliance to define the



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company's environmental mission statement. This reads in the Mission Statement Environment of the Volkswagen Group: "For all our products and mobility solutions we aspire to minimize environmental impacts along the entire lifecycle – from raw material extraction until end-of-life - in order to keep ecosystems intact and to create positive impacts on society. Compliance with environmental regulations, standards and voluntary commitments is a basic prerequisite of our actions."

Multifaceted staff commitment to the environment

ŠKODA AUTO and its employees are involved in many projects dedicated to reforestation and biodiversity in forests. The 'One Car, One Tree' initiative, which began in 2007, is one example of this. As part of the scheme, numerous ŠKODA employees – including trainees, apprentices and students from the ŠKODA Vocational School – volunteer to plant a tree for each ŠKODA that is newly registered in the Czech Republic. Under this initiative ŠKODA plans to plant its 1 000 000th tree by the end of 2021.

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The World Wide Fund for Nature's initiative sets an example for global climate and environmental protection. ŠKODA has now participated in this for an impressive nine years in a row.

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- › is focusing on three priorities with its 'NEXT LEVEL ŠKODA' program for the future: expanding the model portfolio towards entry-level segments, exploring new markets for further growth in the volume segment and making tangible progress in sustainability and diversity.
- › currently offers its customers ten passenger-car series: the CITIGO[®] iV, FABIA, RAPID, SCALA, OCTAVIA and SUPERB as well as the KAMIQ, KAROQ, KODIAQ and ENYAQ iV.
- › delivered over one million vehicles to customers around the world in 2020.
- › has belonged to the Volkswagen Group for 30 years. The Volkswagen Group is one of the most successful vehicle manufacturers in the world. In association with the Group, ŠKODA AUTO independently develops and manufactures vehicles, as well as components, engines and transmissions.
- › operates at three locations in the Czech Republic; manufactures in China, Russia, Slovakia and India mainly through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine with a local partner.
- › employs approximately 42,000 people globally and is active in more than 100 markets.