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Schaeffler opens new e-mobility plant built to the very latest standards of sustainability

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- Establishment of Szombathely II plant in Hungary highlights Schaeffler Group's ambitions for growth in electro-mobility
- 15,000 sqm production facility for electrified powertrain components and systems meets highest standards of sustainability
- New plant demonstrates Schaeffler's advanced capabilities in sustainability and e-mobility

Automotive and industrial supplier Schaeffler has opened a new production facility at its Szombathely location in the west of Hungary and creates 150 new jobs in e-mobility. The facility is Schaeffler's first production plant fully dedicated to electro-mobility and gives the group a new center of excellence for the production of components and systems for electrified powertrains. The facility's operational footprint has been gold-certified by the German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB) and represents a major step forward towards achieving Schaeffler's goal of making its production activities worldwide carbon-neutral by 2030.

"Our new facility in Szombathely is a milestone in the transformation of our company and embodies our strategic priorities of innovation, agility and efficiency," said Klaus Rosenfeld, CEO of Schaeffler AG. "The goal is sustainable mobility, and we are determined to make real progress in that direction as a key technology partner for our customers by leveraging our global network of production facilities. The new plant also highlights our ambitions to continue our strong growth in e-mobility."

"Factory for tomorrow" today

Szombathely II provides around 15,000 square meters of space for the production of innovative powertrain components and solutions, such as electric motors and hybrid drives. Designed as a "factory for tomorrow," it features a high degree of automation, modular production buildings, and end-to-end digitalization. Automated production lines and extensive use of industrial robots guarantee the clean, dust-free environment required by sensitive production processes used for assemblies such as stators and rotors and the integration of magnets for synchronous and asynchronous motors. Schaeffler will increase the facility's round-the-clock output capacity to 800,000 products a year by 2023, and has further

plans to expand its annual output of finished products for premium partners in the auto industry to 1.8 million between 2026 and 2029. “Schaeffler has conquered its place in the e-mobility market with products that offer the combined benefits of superior technology, cost-effectiveness and sustainability,” said Dr. Jochen Schröder, President of the E-Mobility division of Schaeffler AG. “The Schaeffler Group expects to be generating new orders of between 2 and 3 billion euros annually from its e-mobility business from 2022 on. Szombathely will make a major contribution towards this growth as a center of excellence operating in close alignment with our main electro-mobility plant in Bühl, Germany.”

Facility sets new standards in sustainability

Construction work on Szombathely II, the Schaeffler Group’s second plant in western Hungary, started in 2020. The new facility is located about three kilometers from the first one, which opened back in 1996. The new plant’s electricity is supplied by photovoltaic arrays in combination with rooftop solar panels, which together will save up to 4,000 metric tons of CO2 annually. To help conserve natural resources, the plant re-uses treated wastewater and incorporates a rainwater collection basin. It is also extremely energy efficient, featuring heat pumps, a smart heating and cooling system, and a smart LED lighting system. Schaeffler’s total sustainability concept also includes on-site outdoor nature zones and an organic pond for enhanced local biodiversity.

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Dr. Jochen Schröder, President of the E-Mobility division of Schaeffler AG, Andreas Schick, Chief Operating Officer of Schaeffler AG, Matthias Zink, CEO Automotive Technologies of Schaeffler AG, Klaus Rosenfeld, CEO of Schaeffler AG, Georg F. W. Schaeffler, family shareholder and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Schaeffler AG, Péter Szijjártó, Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Dr. Csaba Hende, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly Hungary, and Tibor Szigeti, Managing Director of Schaeffler Savaria, (from left) perform the honors at the new plant’s grand opening and push the button to start up a multi-stage press for the production of high-precision electrical steel sheet for use in electric motors.

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The new plant in Szombathely is the Schaeffler first production facility 100 percent devoted to electro-mobility solutions.

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The range of products produced at the Szombathely II plant includes electric motor components.

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