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## Working Meeting Two/19 Volkswagen Group UK

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Mr Alex Smith

Volkswagen Group UK welcomed some 20 members and guests of **GERMAN INDUSTRY UK** to their second Working Meeting of 2019 on Tuesday, 12 November 2019, at Volkswagen Group UK's National Learning Centre in Milton Keynes.

Our Sustaining and Board Member **Mr Alex Smith, Managing Director**, gave a presentation on Volkswagen Group UK. He outlined Volkswagen Group's e-mobility ambitions and the significant investment committed to ensure it becomes a reality.



Volkswagen Group UK National Learning Centre



Most participants during the meeting



Mr Alex Smith during the presentation

Afterwards, our Vice Chairman, Mr Uwe Hanneck, talked about the British economy, followed by our Chairman, and Chief Executive, Dr Bernd Atenstaedt, who gave an update on the work of GIUK for its members. We then had a lively discussion.

After a lunch provided by Volkswagen Group UK, members were given a tour of Volkswagen Group UK's National Learning Centre by Ms Catherine Baker, Head of Retailer Learning Services.

Volkswagen Group's relationship with the UK dates back to 1952 when the first two Beetles were sold. In 1953 Volkswagen Motors Ltd became the official UK importer, and the brand went from strength to strength. Today Volkswagen Group UK, as National Sales Company of Volkswagen AG, is the largest UK distributor of new vehicles in the UK, directly employing over 900 people.

Members present were from ANT, BSH, CMR, Efaflex, Fuchs, Helaba, Kärcher, Leotec, MANN+HUMMEL, Miele GB, OSRAM, Volkswagen Group UK and Würth.



Participants during the tour



Most participants outside the National Learning Centre



A very rewarding and enjoyable day for all.