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## Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles at the IAA 2018 / CEO Dr Thomas Sedran presents solutions for sustainable mobility



Hannover (ots) -

- Transport and logistical solutions for every job
- Cargo e-bike opens new ways in urban service- and delivery traffic
- Study Crafter HyMotion concept is electrically underway by a hydrogen fuel cell
- I.D. BUZZ CARGO concept van shows digital logistics of tomorrow
- CEO Sedran: The future is now

- New solutions - ranging from the Cargo e-bike to the e-Crafter - for sustainable mobility for goods and people in urban regions  
- Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles is presenting at IAA Commercial Vehicles fair right now tomorrow's world of electrified transport and urban logistics - according to the brand's motto "Transporting your Future".

Dr Thomas Sedran, Chairman of the Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles Brand's Board of Management, outlined the brand's objectives: "In the Tradition of Volkswagen to be one step ahead, we are just now working on solutions for the challenges of tomorrow, think ahead about sustainable mobility for our customers and for better air quality in our cities."

The Cargo e-Bike.

In an in-house project, the brand developed a three-wheel cargo pedelec, which brand customers will be able to use to create more options for the "last mile" - tradesmen, for instance, could use it to ride to maintenance and service jobs with climate neutrality. The Cargo e Bike can carry up to 210 kg - including the driver - and can handle a cargo volume of one-half cubic metre. Equipped with a 250-watt mid-mounted motor with an automatic gearbox, it has a small turning circle and innovative tilt-compensating technology which always keeps the load platform horizontal. "Our Cargo e-Bike brings together all of the known

usage and ride properties to make a perfect product", emphasises Sedran.

The ABT e-Caddy and the ABT e-Transporter.

These two new, electrically powered solutions for urban traffic were developed in cooperation with VWCV's strategic partner ABT, and they close a previous gap in the brand's electrified model programme. With the kick-off of the e-Crafter, retrofit solutions have already been prepared for the small vans and city delivery vehicles that will arrive in the market in early 2019. Battery capacities are 36 and 72 kWh. This enables the vehicles to cover a range of 200 or 400 km.

The I.D. BUZZ CARGO concept van.

As the ideal vehicle for the urban traffic of tomorrow, it is of course all-electric and offers many design solutions and maximum convenience for the driver. Also new: the Internet of Things is coming on board. A new "electrified" shelving system was developed for service installers and maintenance technicians, for example, which offers connectivity with a functional control unit of the user. The job and ordering system can be implemented in this way. All items on the shelves can be tracked. If someone needs an item, they can have it delivered automatically. The doors can be opened electrically, and the shelving system can be customised. Sedran: "This vehicle stands as proof that we listen to our customers, understand their needs and develop solutions that are precisely designed to meet them. In short: We supply to each of our customers the vehicle that they need."

The Crafter HyMotion concept van.

It is based on the e-Crafter and is essentially a successor model for long distances. The Crafter HyMotion is an electrically powered 3.5-tonne van whose energy is supplied by a fuel cell. Its 4.2-kg hydrogen tank enables a total range of 350 km. The tanks in the HyMotion have a modular design. A second version is available with larger tanks for driving ranges of up to 500 km. Heinz-Jürgen Löw, Head of Sales and Member of the Board of Management of Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles, emphasised: "This is still a concept vehicle, but the technical concept is already near-production. We are conducting an intensive cost and benefit analysis to determine its market potential. The Crafter HyMotion with a fuel cell drive is absolutely a beneficial addition to our drive portfolio of petrol, diesel, natural gas and electric motors."

Thomas Sedran outlined that despite progress made in the seamless electrification of its products, Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles would continue to rely on highly advanced diesels as the backbone for logistics of many branches and operational purpose - long distance runs, in rough terrains and for heavy loads.

The brand is already showing the solutions for tomorrow's challenges today. Sedran: "We are linking the present to the future. True to the IAA motto of our brand: "Transporting Your Future". And this future is beginning now!"

In Hannover - from 20 to 27 September 2018 - Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles will be showing 50 vehicles of all model series in Hall 12 of the exhibition centre and 21 more vehicles in the outdoor exhibition area. Show visitors can also test drive an additional 37 vehicles at the ADAC test track.

About the Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles brand:

All around the globe we offer the best transport solutions for our customers. As a stand-alone brand within the Volkswagen Group, Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles is responsible globally for the development, construction and sales of light commercial vehicles, producing the Transporter, Caddy, Crafter and Amarok ranges. In consultation with its customers, Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles draws up appropriate vehicle concepts, telematics and logistics solutions for the sparing use of resources at the highest possible level of efficiency. In 2017, the brand sold around 498,000 light commercial vehicles, produced at its sites in Hannover (D), Poznań (PL) and Wrzesnia (PL) and Pacheco (ARG). Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles employs over 21,000 people globally.

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