

Magna inaugurates plant in Germany

Magna International Inc. announced that its Magna Exteriors and Interiors (MEI) operating unit has expanded its footprint in Europe by opening a new manufacturing facility in Meerane, Germany, on 24 April 2013.

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MEI Meerane is located closely to **Volkswagen Sachsen** in Mosel, supplying sequenced, just-in-time exterior plastic parts for the automaker. A ceremony was held, hosted by Magna leadership and attended by the Prime Minister of the Free State of Saxony as well as by executives from Volkswagen and **BMW**.

“Volkswagen Saxonia and Magna’s new facility in Meerane are producing based on a close partnership,” said **Dirk Coers**, Managing Director Department of Human Resources and Organisation, Volkswagen Sachsen GmbH. “Saxonia is a car state with tradition – together with Magna and our other partners, we want to ensure it also has a great automotive future.”[image_1_right]

MEI Meerane covers a production area of 15,000 m² and currently employs 140 people. The plant’s capabilities include injection moulding, painting and assembly. Its first programme consists of front and rear bumpers for the new **Golf VII**, recently named “World Car of the Year” by a jury of 66 motor journalists from all over the world. In late 2014, the plant is expected to start production of rocker panels for the next generation of the **VW Passat**.

“Our new state-of-the-art production facility in Meerane showcases many of Magna’s world-class manufacturing standards, from logistics that work with radio frequency tagging and a fully automated paint line up to just-in-time delivery,” said **Albert Lidauer**, President Magna Exteriors and Interiors Europe. “In addition, it further strengthens our relationship with our customer and provides opportunities for new business with multiple carmakers.”[image_2]

“We are very proud that one of the biggest automotive suppliers of the world has chosen Saxony,” said **Stanislaw Tillich**, Prime Minister of the Free State of Saxony, during the ceremony. “The settling of Magna represents another boost for the motor of ‘car-country’ Saxony.” Among the reasons for the previous successful development, the Prime Minister listed the intensive collaboration between the industry and an application-oriented automotive research in the free state. “Together with our highly skilled and creative people, this constitutes the backbone and potential of ‘car-country’ Saxony.”

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