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## Volkswagen Group honors its best suppliers with the Group Award 2013

- 21 partners from all over the world recognized for their overall entrepreneurial performance
- Award honoring particularly innovative and reliable Volkswagen Group suppliers already for the eleventh time

The Volkswagen Group invited over 150 entrepreneurs and managers from the international supplier industry to the “Gläserne Manufaktur” in Dresden to attend yesterday evening’s ceremony to present the Volkswagen Group Award 2013. Prof. Dr. Martin Winterkorn, Chairman of the Board of Management of Volkswagen Aktiengesellschaft, and Dr. Francisco Javier Garcia Sanz, Member of the Board of Management of Volkswagen AG with responsibility for ‘Procurement’, presented the Group Award to the 21 best suppliers.

Applauding the suppliers, Winterkorn said: “The Volkswagen Group and its suppliers are a strong global team.” He added: “The great success of the new Golf or the Audi A3 shows that together, we have what it takes to hold pole position in the automobile industry in 2018.” He therefore encouraged suppliers to sustain their efforts in the fields of quality and innovation in all markets. “We want to achieve economic and technological leadership in all regions, and we are counting on the know-how and skill of our suppliers.”

“Together, we have successfully mastered the great challenges of recent months. Your work, your commitment and your achievements have been instrumental in that”, Garcia Sanz said in praise of the partner companies, and continued: “We face tough competition for key international markets and the best technologies. It is clear that our global orientation can only be successful if it goes hand in hand with the internationalization of our suppliers. We must join together to leverage the opportunities for further successful growth.”

The Volkswagen Group honors its best suppliers for their overall entrepreneurial performance with the Volkswagen Group Award. The award-winning companies excel in particular with regard to development expertise, product quality, competitiveness and project management.

Volkswagen has been presenting the Group Award to its best suppliers since 2003. The companies honored this year excelled in particular with exceptional flexibility and swift response times, for example during peak demand periods. Furthermore, the design of new parts and the further development of existing components to the highest quality standards contributed to reducing the weight of the Golf 7.

This year’s award ceremony was held in the “Gläserne Manufaktur” in Dresden where Volkswagen builds the Phaeton to the highest level of craftsmanship and quality.

Winner	Country
A&P Solutions	Mexico
Chropyňská strojírna a.s.	Czech Republic
Principle Plastics	South Africa
<b>Spartan Light Metal Products</b>	<b>USA</b>

USIMINAS – Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais S.A.	Brazil
Delphi Deutschland GmbH	Germany
Eberspächer Holding GmbH & Co. KG	Germany
Gestamp Automoción S.A.	Spain
Magna International Inc	Canada
Pirelli & C, S.p.A.	Italy
Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.	Japan
Valeo GmbH	Germany
WITTE Automotive GmbH	Germany
BASF SE	Germany
BECKER GmbH CAD-CAM-CAST	Germany
Borbet GmbH	Germany
Robert Bosch GmbH	Germany
CONTINENTAL TEVES AG & Co. oHG	Germany
DR. FREIST AUTOMOTIVE BIELEFELD GMBH	Germany
Veritas AG	Germany