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Interruptions in production largely cushioned by internal flexibilization measures

- **Short-time work at five plants not required**

Wolfsburg, August 26, 2016 – Following the agreement reached with two suppliers, Volkswagen can significantly reduce the effects of interruptions in production and for the most part compensate for downtimes by means of internal flexibilization measures.

The company had initially made precautionary arrangements for flexibilization measures at six plants and had not ruled out short-time work. Thanks to the swift return to normal production, short-time work at the five plants in Wolfsburg, Zwickau, Kassel, Salzgitter and Braunschweig is not required.

The affected sections at the Kassel and Salzgitter plants resumed normal production immediately. This was made possible by flexibilization measures similar to those also deployed at the affected section of the Braunschweig plant.

The vehicle production plants in Wolfsburg, Zwickau and Emden also began intensive preparations to return to full production as soon as possible immediately following the agreement. Consequently, permission for short-time work was only sought for the Emden plant, while internal measures were used to bridge interruptions in Wolfsburg and Zwickau.

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