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Sumitomo Electric Bordnetze SE: New highly automated production facility for high-voltage wiring systems in Spain

- *Site significantly expands electromobility for automotive industry*

Wolfsburg, June 17, 2024: Automotive supplier Sumitomo Electric Bordnetze SE (SEBN) will build a new production facility in Cuenca, Spain, to manufacture high-voltage wiring harnesses for electric cars. The decision to build the facility supports SEBN's strategy to be geographically close to its customers while supporting efforts of the Volkswagen Group and SEAT S.A. to develop Spain into a European center of vehicle e-mobility as part of the "Future: Fast Forward" project.

The new facility will be the first production center in Spain (and the 23rd worldwide) for SEBN, which is already an established company in Spain and has two other locations in the country: a customer service center in Pamplona since 2001 and a development center in Martorell since 2012. They are expected to hire around 350 people for the project, which will start at the end of 2025.

High-voltage wiring systems are used in electric cars to meet the vehicle's energy and data requirements. For example, charging cables to power a car use high voltage wiring. The new facility will provide needed production capacity and will use a highly automated production process. The automation will advance product quality and volume.

The concept for the automated production of high-voltage wiring systems was developed by SEBN together with sister companies within the Sumitomo Electric Group. Production automation is becoming more suitable as product complexity in the high-voltage sector decreases.

SEBN's new site in Cuenca will manufacture the high-voltage wiring harnesses for the urban electric car family to be produced by SEAT S.A. in Martorell and Volkswagen in Navarra.

"Our investment in this production facility secures SEBN's position as a major supplier of high-voltage harnesses for the Volkswagen Group," says Sven-Uwe Niemann, SEBN Board Member and Executive Director of Supply Chain Management, NAFTA Region and Business Center. "The new site will also bring highly skilled jobs to the region."

About Sumitomo Electric Bordnetze SE (SEBN)

Sumitomo Electric Bordnetze SE (SEBN) is a global automotive supplier with over 36,000 employees in 13 countries. SEBN is part of the Japanese group Sumitomo Electric Industries, which has 380 subsidiaries in various industries worldwide. The Sumitomo Electric Group employs 280,000 people and had net sales of 30 billion USD in 2023. SEBN's product portfolio comprises wiring systems as well as electrical and electronic components for conventional and electric drive technologies, including multi- and high-voltage wiring harnesses.

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