

BENTELER intensifies sustainability commitment

- **Sustainability strategy further developed based on the UN Sustainable Development Goals.**
- **Halving of production-related emissions targeted by 2030; increased use of renewable energies; reduction of water consumption and waste.**
- **Products already support customers in achieving climate targets.**
- **Comprehensive sustainability report explains progress in 2021: Green electricity in Spain, "Green Tubes" strategy at BENTELER Steel/Tube.**

Salzburg, July 12, 2022. The BENTELER Group is increasing its focus on sustainability in production, products and the supply chain. As part of a more comprehensive sustainability strategy, the company has now defined its goals and is continuing or has initiated numerous measures.

The central objective is the decarbonization of the company: Production-related CO₂ emissions (Scope 1 and 2) are to be halved by 2030 (base year 2019). Scope 3 emissions for purchased goods and services as well as fuel- and energy-related emissions are to be reduced by 30% in the first step (base year 2019). By 2050, BENTELER wants to achieve net zero emissions for Scope 1,2 and 3 (upstream). The BENTELER Steel/Tube division is striving to achieve CO₂ neutrality by 2045. To achieve this, the focus is on increased energy efficiency and the use of green electricity and climate-neutral input materials.

Other measures include clean energy, circular economy and water. For example, BENTELER will continuously convert its production plants to green electricity and reduce its global energy consumption by two percent annually. Conserving resources will be given an even higher priority in production. Waste is to be reduced by six percent by 2025. At the same time, the proportion of waste recycled – currently around 80% in the Automotive division – will be increased further. Water withdrawal will be reduced by 10% by 2030 (base year 2019) especially at locations with high water stress. BENTELER's entire sustainability strategy is based on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Ralf Göttel, CEO of the BENTELER Group: "BENTELER is an energy-intensive company. This makes us even more aware of our social responsibility. We take a holistic approach to our sustainability activities. We set ourselves concrete, measurable goals that we will achieve – and gladly exceed – together as a team. In addition, with our products, we also contribute to making the mobility of tomorrow even more sustainable."

Fundamentally revised sustainability report published

The extensive Sustainability Report 2021, which the company published today, illustrates the progress BENTELER has already made in the past year. The publication shows innovations in

product sustainability as well as various measures in the areas of supply chain, production and environment. For example, the Group's Spanish automotive plants were converted to green electricity last year. The Steel/Tube division was recently awarded a silver medal by EcoVadis, one of the world's largest providers of sustainability ratings, and is now among the top 25% of companies in the "Manufacture of basic iron and steel" industry category.

A highlight in the production area is the Steel/Tube division's "Green Tubes" strategy. The division also focuses on sustainable solutions in its product portfolio: With HYRESIST, seamless, hot-rolled line pipe, BENTELER enables the safe distribution of hydrogen. In addition, BENTELER offers an innovative solution for electric vehicles with its high-pressure heat exchanger. The product contributes to particularly effective cooling of the battery – and thereby reduces the charging time. In partnership with Maruyasu Industries, the company is pooling its expertise in exhaust gas recirculation coolers. In this way, BENTELER not only ensures more sustainable mobility, but also provides its customers with concrete support in meeting planned regulations such as the EU-7 standard.

Photo and caption:

BENTELER Automotive Paderborn An der Talle.jpg: Metal processing specialist BENTELER supports its customers achieve their own climate targets with a product portfolio that is 85% independent of the method of propulsion.

BENTELER Electric Drive System.jpg: With products such as the BENTELER Electric Drive System, BENTELER is working on the sustainable mobility of the future.

BENTELER SteelTube_Green Tubes.jpg: By 2050, BENTELER wants to achieve net zero emissions for Scope 1,2 and 3 (upstream). With the "Green Tubes" program, the BENTELER Steel/Tube division is striving to achieve CO2 neutrality by. (From left to right: Ralf Brunnert, Vice President SHE & Operation Services BENTELER Steel/Tube and Green Tubes Program Manager; Dr. Tobias Braun, CFO BENTELER Steel/Tube; Christian Wiethüchter, CSO | COO BENTELER Steel/Tube; Thomas Begemann, Director Strategy / Communication and Project Management BENTELER Steel/Tube and Green Tubes Program Manager)

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BENTELER is a global company serving customers in automotive technology, the energy sector and mechanical engineering. As metal processing specialists, we develop, produce and distribute safety-related products, systems and services worldwide. In the 2021 financial year, Group revenues were €7.285 billion. Under the management of the strategic holding BENTELER International AG, headquartered in Salzburg, Austria, the Group is organized into the divisions BENTELER Automotive and BENTELER Steel/Tube. Our around 25,000 employees at 92 locations in 27 countries offer first-class manufacturing and distribution competence – all dedicated to delivering a first-class service wherever our customers need us. BENTELER. The family of driven professionals. Since 1876.

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BENTELER Automotive is the development partner for the world's leading automobile manufacturers. With around 22,000 employees and more than 70 plants in about 25 countries we develop tailored solutions for our customers. Our products include components and modules in the areas of chassis, body, engine and exhaust systems, as well as solutions for electric vehicles.

About BENTELER Steel/Tube

BENTELER Steel/Tube develops and produces seamless and welded quality steel tubes. As one of the leading manufacturers, we offer our customers solutions worldwide, along the entire value chain – from material development to tube applications. In this way we create tailor-made tube products for the automotive, energy and industry market segments.