

SGL Carbon supplies carbon fibers and fabrics for BMW iNEXT

- Framework agreement for SGL carbon fibers and a range of different textile materials
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BMW Group has chosen SGL Carbon to supply carbon fibers and semi-finished textile products for a range of components in its upcoming next-generation electric vehicle, the BMW iNEXT.

In addition to carbon fibers, the framework agreement also covers a number of different glass and carbon fiber fabrics. Delivery is expected to start in 2021 and will last for the vehicle’s entire lifecycle. SGL Carbon will be involved at various stages of the value chain. The carbon fibers are going to be manufactured at the Moses Lake plant in the US state of Washington, while the materials will be produced at the Wackersdorf site in Germany.

“With this project, SGL Carbon is strengthening its position as a supplier of fibers, materials, and components for the automotive industry. As far as we know, this will be the second largest electric vehicle series project in the industry after the BMW i3, in terms of the total volume of carbon fibers it is expected to use,” explains Andreas Wüllner, President Composites – Fibers & Materials (CFM) at SGL Carbon.

This partnership for the BMW iNEXT continues years of pioneering collaboration between BMW Group and SGL Carbon in the area of fiber-reinforced plastics. The cooperation began with the founding of the former joint venture, SGL Automotive Carbon Fibers, and developed over many years through the realization of the first completely series-production-ready passenger compartment made from carbon fiber-reinforced plastic in the BMW i3, and innovative uses of the material in the BMW i8 and BMW 7 series.

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About SGL Carbon

SGL Carbon is a technology-based company and world leader in the development and production of carbon-based solutions. Its high-quality materials and products made from specialty graphite and composites are used in industrial sectors that determine the future: automotive, aerospace, solar and wind energy, semiconductor and LEDs as well as in the production of lithium-ion batteries and other energy storage systems. In addition, SGL Carbon develops solutions for chemical and industrial applications.

In 2017, SGL Carbon generated sales of around 860 million euros. As of December 31, 2017, the company had approximately 4,200 employees worldwide in 34 locations in Europe, North America, and Asia.

Materials, products and solutions from SGL Carbon are embedded in the major topics of the future: sustainable mobility, new energies and cross-industry digitization. Further developments in these areas demand more intelligent, more efficient, networked and sustainable solutions. This is where the entrepreneurial vision of SGL Carbon evolves around: contributing to a smarter world.

Further information on SGL Carbon can be found in the Newsroom of SGL Carbon at www.sglcarbon.com/press and at www.sglcarbon.com.

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