

**Volkswagen Group China: Sales Exceeded Expectation in Q1****Great Achievement in March: 112,466 cars delivered**

Volkswagen Group China, along with its two joint ventures Shanghai Volkswagen and FAW-Volkswagen, announced today that it has delivered 284,143 cars in the first quarter of 2009 (Q1/2008: 268,204) to customers in China Mainland and Hong Kong, an increase of around 6 percent compared with that of last year.

Sales of the Volkswagen brand amounted to 235,772 units (Q1/2008: 221,420 up 6.5 percent) including 3,384 imported vehicles. Audi delivered 29,010 vehicles to customers (Q1/2008: 30,425 down 4.7 percent) including 3,105 imported units. This slight decrease was caused by the launch period needed for the start of the new Audi A4L production. Skoda sold 19,248 (Q1/2008: 16,212 up 18.7 percent) cars. Bentley sold 97 cars, Lamborghini sold 16 cars in the first quarter of 2009.

In March, the Group achieved sales of 112,466 vehicles (March 2008: 103,204 up 9.0 percent) – the first time more than 100,000 units in a single month in this year and best selling month ever. All three locally produced brands – Volkswagen, Audi and Skoda – recorded in March their strongest month of all time: 92.969, 11,848 resp. 7.610 cars sold in China.

“The development of the total passenger car market in the first quarter has exceeded our expectations and we benefited successfully from this growth trend. With our performance we have created a respectable base for future growth. We have corrected our forecast for the year 2009 and have raised our production planning in a first step by additional 50,000 units,” Dr. Winfried Vahland, President & CEO of Volkswagen Group China said. “We will continue to focus on our objective to outperform the total market and further increase our market share,” he added.

Volkswagen Group China supports the Chinese government's incentive plan to push up auto sales recovery. The Group offers many different models with engines less than 1.6L to meet increasing customer demand, which is in line with the government's plan. The newly introduced models Volkswagen Lavida and New Bora as well as Audi A4L and Skoda Fabia have all registered strong growth rates.

Volkswagen Group China, together with its two joint ventures Shanghai Volkswagen and FAW Volkswagen, will showcase a wide range of new products for the upcoming Auto Shanghai 2009. This model offensive includes locally produced cars like Passat New Lingyu, new Golf, Audi Q5, Skoda Superb and the most advanced and environment-friendly BlueMotion technologies including the TSI engine and the DSG