

# Pressemitteilung

## **BPW covers electrical base load of its brakes factory with solar power – new sustainability report now online**

- **BPW main plant in Wiehl completely CO2-neutral since mid-2017**
- **Sustainability report presented in accordance with UN Global Compact criteria**
- **Michael Pfeiffer: "BPW wants to contribute to social cohesion"**

**Wiehl, 24/10/2018 --- The BPW Group, leading European supplier to the commercial vehicle industry, has been producing completely CO2-neutral at its main plant since last year. BPW is now covering the base load of one of its plants with solar energy for the first time. The commitment of the family-owned company is broad-based and ranges from resource-saving products to environmental protection, nature conservation and political education, as the new sustainability report shows.**

At the BPW Wiehl-Brüchermühle plant, around 200 employees manufacture precision components for brake systems using fully automated production lines and punching and welding robots. Since January of this year, 1,320 solar modules have been producing electricity on the roof of 2,200 square metres, which mathematically covers the basic electrical load of the brake plant. As a result, BPW's solar power production is growing to a total of 5,300 square meters and an average of 750,000 kWh per year. Since summer 2017, the company has been covering its additional electricity requirements from certified renewable sources – the BPW main plant in Wiehl has since been completely CO2-neutral.

This is one of the highlights of the new sustainability report which the BPW Group is now presenting for the second time. The family company's commitment to people and the environment has won numerous awards and ranges from particularly resource-saving products and active nature conservation to exemplary training and working conditions. For example, training at BPW also includes political education. BPW reports in accordance with the standards of the UN Global Compact. In addition, the company is certified according to IATF 16949, the most demanding quality standard in the automotive industry. Among other things, it includes comprehensive documentation of ethical and sustainable business practices.

Michael Pfeiffer, personally liable managing partner of the BPW Group: "Global trade wars, the looming loss of moderation and balance in political discourse and the current crisis of confidence in the automotive industry show how important it is to commit to ethical standards, even for small and mid-sized companies. Our commitment to the guiding principles of honesty and integrity adheres to traditional values in the most positive sense – and that's why it's so forward-thinking: not just because innovations in transport and logistics are always innovations for the environment, too – but also because we wish to contribute to social cohesion as a company."

The BPW Sustainability Report is available online <https://nachhaltigkeitsbericht.bpw.de/en> or can be requested in print from [presse@bpw.de](mailto:presse@bpw.de).



**Picture caption:** Movement and Preservation: The BPW Sustainability Report 2018 is now online. (Source: BPW Bergische Achsen KG)



**Picture caption:** BPW has been producing completely Co2-neutral since 2017. Since this year, BPW covers the electrical base load of a plant with solar power. (Source: BPW Bergische Achsen)

### **About BPW Bergische Achsen Kommanditgesellschaft**

*BPW Bergische Achsen Kommanditgesellschaft is the parent company of the BPW Group. With over 1,600 staff, including around 120 apprentices, the family-owned company has been developing and producing complete running gear systems for truck trailers and semi-trailers at its headquarters in Wiehl since 1898. BPW's technologies include axle systems, braking technology, suspension and bearings. BPW's trailer axles and running gear systems are in use in millions of vehicles around the world. An extensive range of services also provides vehicle manufacturers and vehicle operators with the opportunity to increase the efficiency of their production and transport processes. [www.bpw.de](http://www.bpw.de)*

### **About the BPW Group**

*The BPW Group, based in Wiehl, Germany, is a reliable international mobility and system partner for the transport industry and offers innovative solutions from a single source. Its portfolio ranges from axles, suspension systems and braking technologies (BPW), locking systems and trailer body technology (Hestal), lighting systems (Ermax) and plastics technologies (HBN-Teknik) to user-friendly telematics applications for trucks and trailers (idem telematics). The BPW Group's technologies and services enable economical production processes for manufacturers and provide maximum transparency in loading and transport processes for efficient fleet management by vehicle operators. The owner-managed BPW Group encompasses more than 70 subsidiaries worldwide and employs around 7,000 people. [www.bpw.de](http://www.bpw.de)*

### **Contact:**

Corporate Communications Department  
Press and public relations  
Nadine Simon  
Tel +49 22 62/78-19 09  
[presse@bpw.de](mailto:presse@bpw.de)

BPW Bergische Achsen KG, Ohlerhammer, 51674 Wiehl, Germany  
[www.bpw.de](http://www.bpw.de)