

METRO STARTS OPERATION OF 62 CHARGING STATIONS ON ITS DÜSSELDORF CAMPUS

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- In total, 80 charging stations are now available for employees, guests and customers on the METRO Campus; 8 of them are accessible around the clock to customers of the Düsseldorf store
- The investment into the necessary transformer station, cabling and 62 charging points in the multistorey car park amounts to around €400,000
- 8 of the 62 charging stations are provided to METRO in the framework of a cooperation with TESLA
- METRO is thereby consistently driving its commitment to sustainable and alternative mobility

Düsseldorf, 29 May 2019 – With the recent commissioning of another 62 charging stations in the employee car park on the METRO Campus, the wholesale specialist now offers a total of 80 charging points across its Düsseldorf Campus to customers, employees and company car users free of charge. The aim is to meet the growing demand for charging private and company electric vehicles (EVs) expected for the coming years. Promoting e-mobility is one of the measures implemented by the international wholesale company to reach the company target of cutting its greenhouse gas emissions per square meter of selling and delivery space by half until 2030 (reference year: 2011). The official handover ceremony was also attended by Christoph Dammermann, State Secretary of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Innovation, Digitalisation and Energy of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, by representatives from the City of Düsseldorf, from the German retail association and from EV100, an initiative of “The Climate Group” that promotes the transition to e-mobility.

After a four-month construction period METRO was able to inaugurate the new charging stations on the Campus of its Düsseldorf headquarters today. For the 62 charging points, the multistorey employee car park had to be equipped with a separate 1000 KW transformer station and new cabling to guarantee the uninterrupted and reliable loading of the EVs. More than €400,000 were invested into this expansion measure. Eight charging stations were provided by TESLA in the framework of a cooperation.

Since 2012, charging EVs on the Campus has been free of charge for employees as well as for guests and customers. In the car park, METRO em-

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ployees simply identify themselves with their badge at the charging points. The vehicles are charged with 22 kilowatts in AC mode. That way, an electric vehicle is fully operable again after 3 to 4 hours, on average.

In his welcome address, Christoph Dammermann acknowledged the promotion of sustainable and alternative drive technologies. "The state government sees the extension of the charging network as an important contribution to supporting the further deployment of e-mobility. Employee parking spaces are particularly suited for charging points in view of the long vehicle downtimes because car users can load their vehicles while on the job without losing time", says the State Secretary.

Christof Knop, Managing Director of METRO Deutschland GmbH, welcomed the guests on behalf of the wholesale specialist and stressed the company's motivation to further drive the expansion of the charging infrastructure: "We are committed to further extending e-mobility – for our employees, in our delivery business and for our local customers. For us, promoting e-mobility is not only part of our commitment to cutting our company's greenhouse gas emissions by half until 2030. Another decisive element is also to sustainably improve the quality of life and the air quality in urban regions – in other words, in those places where a major part of our customers serve their guests."

Driving sustainable mobility

The wholesale specialist consistently lives up to its obligations as a founding member of the EV100 initiative of The Climate Group. Since 2017 METRO has been supporting the deployment of electromobility worldwide with the installation of charging stations for customers and employees or with electric vehicles in its delivery services in Austria, France or the Netherlands, for example. The objective is to promote and advance the acceptance and deployment of alternative drives in road traffic. "Rolling out charging stations accelerates the shift to electric vehicles while also creating new business benefits for retailers. By offering free charging at its stores, our EV100 member METRO provides an added service for its customers while they shop and increases visibility of EV charging across German cities – showing how businesses can boost awareness and market growth of clean vehicles", said Mike Peirce, Corporate Partnerships Director, The Climate Group, commenting the wholesaler's commitment.

With the commissioning of the charging stations on the Düsseldorf Campus, METRO now operates more than 350 charging points in 13 of its 36 countries. These are located in Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Germany, Spain, France, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Netherlands, Poland and Ukraine. In Germany, customers can find charging stations at the METRO stores in Düsseldorf, Hamburg Harburg, Mainz Kastell, Koblenz and, soon, also in Frankfurt Rödelheim.

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On the occasion of the inauguration of the charging stations on the METRO Campus Düsseldorf, employees and invited guests also had the opportunity to learn more about the e-mobility concept of METRO. Electric vehicles from TESLA, BMW and Volkswagen were available for test drives. Within the framework of the event, METRO AG was also able to present the signed agreement with the state capital of Düsseldorf and the Düsseldorf industry on the improvement of air quality to Thomas Vieten, Transportation Expert of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Düsseldorf. The wholesale specialist is now a "mobility partner" of the state capital.

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METRO is a leading international wholesale company with food and non-food assortments that specialises on serving the needs of hotels, restaurants and caterers (HoReCa) as well as independent traders. Around the world, METRO has some 24 million customers who can choose whether to shop in one of the large-format stores, order online and collect their purchases at the store or have them delivered. METRO in addition also supports the competitiveness of entrepreneurs and freelancers with digital solutions and thereby contributes to cultural diversity in retail and hospitality. Sustainability is a key pillar of METRO's business. METRO has been the sector leader in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index for the last four years. The company operates in 36 countries and employs more than 150,000 people worldwide. In financial year 2017/18, METRO generated sales of €36.5 billion. In September 2018 METRO AG initiated the divestment process for the food retail chain Real with its 34,000 employees.

METRO Deutschland GmbH operates 103 cash & carry stores and 11 delivery depots in Germany with around 14,000 employees. Some four million customers rely on the assortment and services provided by the company. METRO sees itself as a partner for independent businesses and sets the standards for tomorrow with its cash & carry stores, delivery services, networked customer management and digital solutions. METRO Deutschland is part of METRO, a leading international wholesale company with food and non-food assortments that specialises on serving the needs of hotels, restaurants and caterers (HoReCa) as well as independent traders. The company operates in 36 countries and employs more than 150,000 people worldwide. In financial year 2017/18, METRO generated sales of €36.5 billion. For more information about METRO, please refer to www.metroag.de and about METRO Deutschland to www.metro.de.

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