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InnoTrans 2018: Experience today the mobility of tomorrow

The leading trade fair InnoTrans opens its gates. No other trade fair that makes the future of mobility come alive as much as InnoTrans. From digitisation, automated and electric mobility to cybersecurity and intelligent control and safety systems: High-tech innovations in the railway industry are fascinating and climate-friendly. InnoTrans 2018 sets new standards for the paradigm change towards sustainable mobility.

Berlin, 17 September 2018 – InnoTrans 2018, which is opening its gates to an international audience on Tuesday, 18 September, promises "The Future of Mobility". "Mobility will only have a future if it generates drastically fewer emissions for which the railway industry is the key," says Volker Schenk, President of the German Railway Industry Association. Tomorrow's mobility must finally meet the climate protection aims of the Paris Agreement globally, secure clean air locally in megacities and implement quiet logistics. "Innovation makes the difference. Pioneering spirit moves the boundaries of what is feasible – nowhere else can this be experienced as impressively as at InnoTrans 2018," says Schenk. The railway industry's mission in Germany is clear: to make mobility even more climate-friendly, customer-friendly, safer and more efficient. Zero emissions, zero accidents, but 100 percent travel experience – made in Germany.

The fact that all leading companies in the railway industry from all over the world rely on InnoTrans as their leading trade fair reflects its enormously high international reputation. "Implementing the best mobility ever together with partners all over the world – that's our mission and that's what InnoTrans 2018 is all about," says Dr. Ben Möbius, Chief Executive Officer of the VDB. The trade fair proves its outstanding role as a global forum in its halls and on its outdoor areas. State-of-the-art technologies are already paving the way today for the best rail traffic of tomorrow. "InnoTrans is a trade fair of superlatives with a superstar: the mobility of tomorrow", says Möbius. The fair also shows that rail travel makes sense - and is fun.

The German Railway Industry Association speaks for 195 member companies and their more than 51,000 employees. In doing so, the VDB stands for the entire supply chain: from world-famous system houses via excellent medium-sized suppliers to young companies. In 2017 the German railway industry achieved a turnover of 11 billion euros. Nearly 50 percent was generated from exports. The VDB has never had such a rush of foreign delegations at the InnoTrans as this year. Close cooperation with Asia and the Americas reflects the excellence of the railway industry in Germany.

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The VDB is the stakeholder of more than 195 companies, worldwide leading system houses and specialist medium-sized 'hidden champions'. The VDB members develop and manufacture systems and components for rail vehicles and the infrastructure with more than 51,000 employees in Germany alone. Innovative technologies *made in Germany* ensure excellent railway systems, climate-friendly mobility and digital innovations worldwide.

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