

Opening New Production Line Automotive Hydro Grevenbroich

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- A very warm welcome to Chancellor Merkel, Prime Minister Solberg, and our guests from Germany, Norway, Brussels and the rest of the world.
- Today we are opening our new state-of-the-art production plant for automotive aluminium.
- As chairman of the supervisory board for Hydro's activities in Germany, I am extremely proud of what we have achieved here in Europe's industrial heartland over the last three years. It almost feels as though I have just picked up a new car – one made with a high proportion of aluminium, of course.
- Our new plant will allow us to support automotive manufacturers worldwide in making a real difference to the future of the transport industry. As expressed by our motto "Mit Leichtigkeit", we aim to make the world a better place.
- Ladies and gentlemen,
- When it comes to innovation, we focus our improvements more on evolution than revolution. Progress is being made step by step and Hydro is constantly striving to become better, bigger and greener. The new plant here in Grevenbroich is proof that we practise what we preach.
- It is fitting that this year we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the hydro and aluminium industry in Germany. Our aim is to make it another 100 years. It is an absolute pleasure to join Mrs Merkel and Mrs Solberg, together with all of our guests, in promoting the next decade of aluminium production in Germany.

Thank you and once again a very warm welcome to you all!

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