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ZF and BMW Sign Agreement for Future-Oriented Drive Technologies

- **Further development of the 8-speed automatic transmission with a special focus on electrified drives**
- **Strengthens technological flexibility, provides planning stability**

Friedrichshafen, Munich. ZF Friedrichshafen AG and the BMW Group have signed a long-term supply agreement in the field of passenger car drive systems. The core of the agreement is the supply and continued development of the proven 8-speed automatic transmission (8HP). The contract, worth several billion euros, runs until the late 2030s. This creates a solid foundation for open-technology and low-emission mobility of the future for both companies.

“Together with BMW, we are sending a strong signal for innovation, efficiency, and sustainability in an industry undergoing dynamic change,” says Mathias Miedreich, CEO of ZF. “This agreement highlights the strategic importance of our 8-speed automatic transmission as a key technology for the transformation of drive systems.”

As part of the partnership, the 8HP transmission kit will be continuously developed. The aim is to provide customers with the most powerful and efficient transmission that meets the requirements of future drive concepts.

“The new agreement with BMW shows how important long-term planning horizons are for technological advancements,” explains Sebastian Schmitt, Head of ZF's Electrified Drive Technologies division. “It creates clarity and stability for both companies and enables us to align the next generation of



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the 8HP specifically toward efficiency, performance, and long-term viability.”

ZF thus strengthens its position as a system supplier and gains additional planning reliability. Close collaboration in the future will help reduce risks in a rapidly changing market environment and lay the foundation for low emission mobility going forward.

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About ZF

ZF is a global technology company supplying advanced mobility products and systems for passenger cars, commercial vehicles and industrial technology. Its comprehensive product range is primarily aimed at vehicle manufacturers, mobility providers and start-up companies in the fields of transportation and mobility. ZF electrifies a wide range of vehicle types. With its products, the company contributes to reducing emissions, protecting the climate as well as enhancing safe mobility. Alongside the automotive sector – passenger cars and commercial vehicles – ZF also serves market segments such as construction and agricultural machinery, wind power, marine propulsion, rail drives and test systems.

With some 161,600 employees worldwide, ZF reported sales of €41.4 billion in fiscal 2024. The company operates 161 production locations in 30 countries.

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