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**Jürgen Peters meets Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt -
IG Metall pleads for a safe perspective for Volkswagen plant in Brussels**

Frankfurt/Main - Jürgen Peters, president of IG Metall, and the Belgian prime minister Guy Verhofstadt want to commit themselves for a safe perspective for the Volkswagen plant in Brussels. Peters and Verhofstadt both agree that the Belgian Volkswagen site has to have a future and must not be a phase-out model, declared Peters after a personal discussion with Verhofstadt on Wednesday evening. In the upcoming restructuring process a concept securing all sites should be a priority. Peters reinforced that IG Metall will plead for an acceptable solution. Peters further stressed that no plant should be closed due to the agreement on safeguarding production locations and employment in Germany. This was a precondition in negotiations between IG Metall and Volkswagen. Furthermore plant closures due to increased working time were ruled out. Michael Riffel, general secretary of the European Group Works Council at Volkswagen also participated in the meeting.

„We will not leave our Belgian colleagues alone“, Peters said on Thursday in Frankfurt shortly before the demonstration planned for the 2nd December in Brussels. According to IG Metall, employees from German Volkswagen sites will participate in the demonstration against the relocation of Golf production planned by Volkswagen.

Already on Monday more than 40 representatives of works councils and trade unions at European Volkswagen plants met in Brussels upon the invitation of the European Metalworkers' Federation (EMF) and they unanimously rejected job reductions announced by Volkswagen. A European trade union coordination group should guarantee a common approach to the restructuring process at Volkswagen.