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BPW has been obtaining its electricity exclusively from CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral sources – including directly from its own solar roofs.

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## **BPW releases sustainability report: keeping corporate responsibility alive and developing it further**

- **Fourth successive sustainability report from BPW in accordance with UN Global Compact criteria is online**
- **Light and intelligent trailer running gear has a positive impact on the climate**
- **Achim Kotz: ‘Corporate responsibility has been a part of life at BPW for generations.’**

**Wiehl, 05.11.2020 --- The world of transport is developing at great speed**

**and is coming face to face with current challenges from digitisation to new climate regulations to the coronavirus pandemic. BPW is facing this transition with the consistency of a family-owned company that is more than 120 years old, anticipating global and social megatrends and successfully shaping the things to come. The company has released its sustainability report in accordance with the principles of the UN Global Compact for the fourth time.**

The BPW sustainability report includes the three pillars: employees and society, environment and energy, and product responsibility. The latter is increasingly gaining in importance in the transformation phase of the transport industry. Everything that makes transport more efficient and economical, swifter and safer, benefits the climate, the environment and humanity. Every gram less increases the usable load of the semitrailer, saves energy and, as a result, CO<sub>2</sub> and costs too. With a new type of trailing arm and further lightweight components, for the first time BPW pushes the module weight of the nine-tonne Airlight II trailer running gear to under 370 kilograms. Furthermore, sensor components and telematics provide highly valuable information about the freight, driver and vehicle for more safety and sustainability.

There is potential for protecting the environment in the field of electrifying vehicles as well. With the electrically powered eTransport axle for 7.5-tonne trucks, the company has brought a solution onto the market which shapes an emission-free and silent city logistics industry.

Alongside the health of employees, the health of the commercial drivers is of great importance to BPW. As a DocStop location, the company is committed to medical care on the road: company doctor Dr Gunnar Heymer treats sick drivers at the company headquarters in Wiehl. In addition, the company supports the #LogistikHilft initiative and is a founding member of the PROFI association (Pro Fahrer-Image e.V.).

Achim Kotz, personally liable managing partner of BPW: 'What is called sustainability and corporate responsibility today has been a way of life, consolidated and developed at BPW for generations.'

Living responsibility has had a long tradition at BPW, which the company aims to show through its membership at the UN Global Compact, the world's largest initiative for sustainable and responsible corporate governance. The

current BPW sustainability report can be accessed at <https://nachhaltigkeitsbericht2020.bpw.de/en/>.

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### **About BPW Bergische Achsen Kommanditgesellschaft**

*BPW Bergische Achsen KG is the parent company of the BPW Group. With around 1,500 employees, including around 100 trainees, the family-run company has been developing and producing complete running gear systems for truck trailers and semi-trailers at its headquarters in Wiehl since 1898. BPW's technologies include axle systems, brake technology, suspension and bearings. BPW's trailer axles and running gear systems are in use in millions of vehicles around the world. An extensive range of services also provides vehicle manufacturers and vehicle operators with the opportunity to increase economic efficiency in their production and transport processes. [www.bpw.de/en](http://www.bpw.de/en)*

### **About the BPW Group**

*The BPW Group researches, develops and manufactures everything needed to ensure that transport keeps moving and is safe, illuminated, intelligent and digitally connected. With its brands [BPW](#), [Ermax](#), [HBN](#), [HESTAL](#) and [idem telematics](#), the company group is a preferred system partner of the commercial vehicle industry around the globe for running gear, brakes, lighting, fasteners and superstructure technology, telematics and other key components for trucks, trailers and buses. The BPW Group offers comprehensive mobility services for transport businesses, ranging from a global service network to spare parts supply and intelligent networking of vehicles, drivers and freight. The owner-operated company group currently employs 7,000 staff in more than 50 countries and achieved consolidated sales of 1.41 billion euros in 2019. [www.bpw.de/en](http://www.bpw.de/en)*

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