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**Mercedes-Benz Vans dedicates training center space with
Governor McMaster, Secretary Hitt and Daimler Board of
Management Member Wilfried Porth**

Press Information

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- **Mercedes-Benz Vans Training Center will support initial training of body, paint and assembly team members for Mercedes-Benz Vans plant expansion**
- **Training center housed at Trident Technical College main campus in partnership with readySC**

Charleston, South Carolina, USA – Mercedes-Benz Vans, LLC (MBV) held an official dedication of the Mercedes-Benz Vans Training Center today with South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster, South Carolina Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt and Daimler Board of Management Member Wilfried Porth, who visited the expanding vans plant in Ladson, South Carolina.

“With this dedication of the Mercedes-Benz Vans Training Center, the Charleston facility celebrates an important step in its expansion,” said Wilfried Porth, Member of the Board of Management of Daimler AG responsible for Human Resources and Director of Labor Relations & Mercedes-Benz Vans. “The training and qualification of new team members is essential to our future success and the next logical step for our production site. This will strengthen our competitive position as it further advances the ‘Mercedes-Benz Vans goes global’ strategy.”

Governor McMaster, Secretary Hitt, Wilfried Porth, representatives of MBV local management and the first training group gathered in the center to sign a plaque commemorating the dedication. The members of the first training group will then support with training and qualification of future team members in body, paint and assembly. The training center is housed at Trident Technical College’s main campus on Rivers Avenue in North Charleston.



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“Mercedes-Benz Vans has quickly become one of South Carolina’s most treasured corporate citizens, and today’s ceremony marks an important step towards making sure Daimler’s investment in our people proves to be one of the best they’ve ever made. We’re looking forward to seeing the growth that this company, and this training center, will mean for the Charleston community and for the State as a whole,” said Governor Henry McMaster.

Currently, the MBV organization consists of more than 250 team members and continues to grow. Manufacturing jobs as well as salaried positions supporting the Mercedes-Benz Vans expansion are posted on a regular basis. Construction is also progressing as building enclosure concludes and interior work begins on the future body shop, paint shop and assembly expansion.

Interested candidates can apply for manufacturing positions at www.readysc.org/mercedes or specialist positions at www.daimler.com/career keyword “Charleston.”

About Mercedes-Benz Vans, LLC

Mercedes-Benz Vans, LLC (“MBV”) is a plant in South Carolina that assembles Sprinter vans for the U.S. market under the brands Mercedes-Benz and Freightliner. The midsize Metris van was added to the assembly line in 2015. In March 2015, MBV announced that it will invest \$500 million in construction of a new Sprinter production plant, in addition to the existing operations. In July 2016, MBV officially broke ground on the site of its new plant, located next to existing operations in the North Charleston area in Ladson. The MBV facility will provide up to 1,300 jobs by the end of the decade.

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