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Dear Ms. Bieńkowska,

Just a few weeks ago, the Volkswagen Group announced that comprehensive investigations into potential irregularities in the certification of vehicles had indicated that incorrect CO2 emissions data might have been recorded. Since then, the Volkswagen Group has conducted extensive internal tests and controls. As a result of these tests, we are able to state that almost all of the model variants that were considered questionable a month ago do in fact return the published CO2 emission levels. The suspicion that unlawful alterations might have been made to the data regarding CO2 emissions and consumption for current production vehicles has thus not been confirmed by the information we now have. This is without doubt an important message for our many customers, who are passionate about Volkswagen and its products.

I consider it imperative to state that the testing methods and standards used at Volkswagen are in line with those commonly used in the industry. They comply with the relevant international rules for such testing methods.

The internal tests identified only slight deviations in nine model variants. These nine model variants will be re-tested by a neutral engineering service before Christmas under the supervision of Germany's Federal Motor Transport Authority (KBA) and, if necessary, the emissions data for approval will be revised within the scope of our normal processes.

It is of great importance to me that I inform you and your government of the results that I have described here. For our customers as well as for our dealerships and importers, these findings are also of great significance because they mean that the current production vehicles can be offered and sold without reservation.

Yours sincerely,

