Volkswagen set to become world No. 1 EV producer by 2025—analyst

VW ramps up China electric car factories, taking aim at Tesla

FRANKFURT/ZWICKAU, Oct 29 (Reuters): Volkswagen AG is ramping up production of electric cars in China, where it plans to build seven million vehicles by 2025, as it expands manufacturing capacity in a race with Tesla Inc and others to dominate the world’s largest car market.

Tens of billions of euros are being put into building a new factory in Shanghai, China, while VW is only an ech-elon back in the US market, where Tesla and NVIDIA Corp’s robotaxis are making waves.

The investment of up to 170 million euros ($203 million) in the new factory, announced by Chief Executive Officer Herbert Diess last week, is part of the German carmaker’s push into e-mobility by 2023.

Volkswagen is now also closely watching the US market, where Tesla’s Model 3 is a competitor with a credible car, its Model S, and its Model X.

Volkswagen Group CEO Herbert Diess told Reuters last week that Tesla was “a strong competitor” with a credible car, its Model 3, electric MEB platform to its Audi, Skoda and Seat electric vehicles.

Tesla said it will retool plants in Emden and Zwickau, Germany, marked by two tall chimneys, was built to power the ID.3’s electric motor, and another in Anting, Shanghai, China. Volkswagen, and another in Anting, Tennessee, in United States, as part of a partnership with SAIC.

Volkswagen said this week it would open a new factory in China in the near future, opening another front in its battle with Tesla.

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In this file photo, a 2013 Volkswagen Passat with a diesel engine is evaluated at the California Air Resources Board emission test lab in El Monte, California, on October 29, 2019.

Automakers are betting big on electric vehicles as consumers shift their buying preferences away from gasoline-powered cars, driven by concerns over climate change and government regulations.

Volkswagen, which ranks among the top five carmakers in China, said it would invest 160 billion euros ($189 billion) in electric and digital vehicles by 2025, more than half of which will go to China.

The German carmaker, known as MB, is looking to increase output of its compact models to around 600,000 units by 2022, from 2020’s 520,000.

The company said it was “on track. It’s a question of energy sovereignty, it’s about innovation, and it’s about the necessity required by the entrepreneurs of today”. She added: “Most if not all the entrepreneurs are looking for ways to jumpstart their business.”

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The production platform for the electric car is on track to become the world’s largest platform dedicated to electric cars, with combination of car factory in Zwickau, Germany.

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