

## PRESS RELEASE

### **BMZ Group and VDE sign strategic partnership in the field of battery technology**

**Karlstein am Main, 06.02.2020** – The BMZ Group and VDE Renewables GmbH are signing a strategic partnership to promote a European network platform dealing with battery technology. The aim is to promote and strengthen international exchange within the industry. The internationally well-established Battery Experts Forum - organised by the BMZ Group - will serve as a platform for jointly advancing the issues surrounding electrification in the future. VDE Renewables is a 100% subsidiary of the VDE technology association, which is concerned with issues relating to renewable energy generation and storage.

Burkhard Holder, Managing Director VDE Renewables "We are pleased to have a strong partner in the BMZ Group, the organizer of an already very successful forum, with whom we can advance the core issues surrounding electrification even more clearly. It is extremely important for the industry, and especially for Germany as a strong business location, to promote a comprehensive exchange of information on these increasingly important topics and to form a close network. The event has the decisive advantage of bringing together all the leading companies along the value chain of a battery centrally on an international level. Such a broad target group field is of central importance for us in order to address all those involved in sustainability, energy generation and energy storage as well as electromobility."

Part of the close partnership is also the further development of the diversified conference program - VDE wants to integrate new topics such as bankability, recycling and cyber security in energy storage systems into the program 2020.

Both the exhibition and the conference reflect the vision of the event - to create a central networking platform for the entire branch Christian Adamczyk, Spokesman and Chief Marketing Officer of the BMZ Group, points out: "Battery technology is becoming increasingly relevant for more companies and industries, regardless of whether you are part of the supply chain or an OEM launching new products on the market. Therefore it is essential to seek an open exchange in the form of such a branch event. The high number of registrations for the exhibition and the numerous applications for presentations confirm our intention. With VDE and its large network, we can focus and communicate the topic of renewable energies, electrification and battery-powered applications even more strongly."

This year, the Battery Experts Forum once again registered a record number of registrations and is reaching its capacity limits despite the annually growing area. We are especially pleased to welcome many new companies who will be on site for the first time in 2020 and have recognized the event for their business.

#### **About the Battery Experts Forum**

The Battery Experts Forum is the biggest conference and trade fair for battery technology. The event takes place at Messe Frankfurt. More than 100 experts from the leading battery manufacturers and users provide information about the latest trends, product developments and solutions.

The event is accompanied by a trade fair with more than 160 exhibitors, who are among the most important companies in the entire battery supply chain. From cell and battery manufacturers to OEMs and users, new design, production and manufacturing solutions which include battery systems, materials and components as well as testing and recycling processes will be presented. An absolute highlight for everyone involved in battery technology. The organizer is the BMZ Group, Europe's leading manufacturer of lithium-ion battery systems headquartered in Karlstein, Germany.

#### **About VDE Renewables GmbH**

VDE Renewables GmbH is a 100% VDE company. Important tasks of the company, which has its headquarters in Alzenau (Lower Franconia), are business development and project management for certifications and other services in the field of quality assurance in the global market for renewable energies. VDE Renewables GmbH cooperates closely with the VDE Testing and Certification Institute and all structures of the VDE Group. In an international network of partners, such as the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems, it tests and certifies components and systems to the highest quality standards

#### **About VDE**

With 36,000 members (including 1,300 companies) and 1,200 employees, the VDE Association for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies is one of the largest technical and scientific associations in Europe. VDE combines science, standardization and product testing under one roof. The main topics of the association include energy system transformation, Industry 4.0, Smart Traffic, Smart Living and IT security. VDE is particularly committed to the promotion of research and young talent as well as consumer protection. The VDE mark, which 67 percent of Germans know, is synonymous with the highest safety standards. The VDE headquarters are in Frankfurt am Main.

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