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**Mario Mehren, Chairman of the Board of Wintershall Dea, at the congress of the German Association of Energy and Water Industries (Bundesverband der Energiewirtschaft BDEW) in Berlin on 15 September:**

“Like some companies in the German automotive industry, Wintershall Dea also received mail beforehand the occasion of the International Automobile Exhibition (IAA). From representatives of Deutsche Umwelthilfe who have committed to stop the combustion engine. However, Wintershall Dea has no refineries or service stations. As **Europe’s leading independent natural gas producer** we support the CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction targets the European Union has set. We contribute to more climate protection with our **natural gas**, in order to replace coal-fired power generation with more climate-friendly natural gas and to enable production of hydrogen from natural gas. In this way, our company combines sustainable technology for protecting the climate with a reliable and secure energy supply in Europe – quickly and in an affordable way.

As society we face an enormous challenge: to meet the world’s growing need for energy while achieving climate targets. Renewable energies alone will not be able to fully cover the world's growing energy demand in the foreseeable future. This challenge can be overcome only by a clever mix of renewable and low-carbon energies. Wintershall Dea makes an important contribution to ensuring a reliable and secure energy supply in Europe – at various levels: with natural gas, a climate-friendly production and ambitious climate targets.

Representatives of the environmental organisation Deutsche Umwelthilfe urge us to stop opening new oil and gas fields from 2026. We believe the demand is groundless.

Wintershall Dea has other sustainable plans: With our natural gas production, we enable the agreed coal and nuclear phase-out and secure the energy supply. Furthermore, we are investing in future technologies: geological storage of carbon dioxide (CCS) and production of climate-friendly hydrogen from natural gas. We need innovation and technology, not bans – to achieve the energy transition. We need a powerful mix of low-carbon sources of energy and technologies with a sustainable future. For a modern society and climate-neutral future. And for Germany to remain a successful business and industrial location, with well-paid and secure jobs.”