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# DEA supports social projects again with traditional candle donations

With its traditional "Aid instead of Candles" donation campaign, DEA Deutsche Erdoel AG supports thirteen social facilities located near its German Production Districts with a total of **38,000 euros**. The recipients of the donations once again are needy, socially disadvantaged persons in the vicinity of DEA's Production Districts.

"Aid instead of Candles" is the name of a campaign going back to an old tradition, when employees and pensioners of the Hamburg energy utility used to be given a package of candles for Christmas – a reminder of the times when the company itself manufactured paraffin for the production of candles. Following the sale of the paraffin business, the employees and pensioners of DEA started a campaign to donate the candle money to needy people in the vicinity of DEA's Production Districts each year.

"In our role as a company, our neighbours located near our Production Districts are important to us. There are numerous charitable organisations that perform admirable work in the societal field. Unfortunately, in many cases they have little to offer in terms of financial resources. This is why it's important to us to lend these necessary social facilities a hand," emphasises Thomas Rappuhn, CEO of DEA. The Chairman of DEA's Central Works Council, Günther Prien, stresses that "the recipients of donations have once again been selected with a great deal of heart, deliberately in response to proposals by the Works Council and in close coordination with the employees":

**Dunkelziffer e.V., Hamburg** – The "Dunkelziffer" organisation takes care of and offers therapy to children and adolescents who became victims of sexual violence and is funded solely by donations. DEA's donation of **8,500 euros** is used to cover therapy costs.

**Box-Akademie Hamburg e.V.** – This boxing academy takes care of children and adolescents in social trouble spots in Hamburg and receives **3,000 euros** in support for its work.

**Kemenate, Hamburg** – This daily meeting place for homeless women known as "Kemenate" receives a repeat donation; this year the sum of **2,500 euros** is to be spent on towels and hygiene articles.

**Else Voss Stiftung, Hamburg** – this foundation for a low-pension senior citizens' residence will use the **2,000 euros** donated to purchase shelves for a multi-purpose hall.

**Internationaler Bund, Hamburg** – DEA's donation of **2,000 euros** will be used to purchase a new music system for the GRAZIA dance group in Hamburg's Lohbrügge district. This international alliance is a charitable organisation that takes care of social interests and issues nationwide in Germany.

**Hände für Kinder e.V., Hamburg** – **2,000 euros** for making frequently difficult everyday life easier: in the picturesque Alter Kupferhof estate in Hamburg's Duvenstedt district, families with severely disabled children can spend a less stressful time. Nursing staff take loving care of the children while their parents and siblings have an opportunity to relax completely for once. The donation money is used to purchase toys and handicraft materials.

**Herbert Feuchte Stiftungsverbund, Heide** – DEA has supported the Büsumer Strasse residence in Heide for a long time now. It is part of the differentiated range of nursing and other services made available by the Herbert Feuchte association of foundations in Heide. It is home to 37 adults with multiple hearing and speech deficiencies who are dependent on qualified assistance. The building complex will be restructured in late summer of 2016. At least part of the **3,000 euro** donation will be used for new acquisitions, announced Birgit Lesch, who is in charge of the institution.

**Hospiz Meldorf** – The charitable work of the circle of friends of the hospice Dithmarschen in Meldorf is supported with a donation of **500 euros**. The hospice is a facility for assisting adults and children with terminal illnesses until their decease. Moreover, the next of kin of the persons affected are given psychosocial support.

**Frauenhaus Heide** – the women's home in Heide also receives **500 euros** after having given shelter to women and children in peril for over a quarter of a century now. The offers are addressed to victims of physical, mental and sexual violence. Thomas Kainer, Manager of Production District Holstein: "It is an important cause for us to support the invaluable work performed by the social institutions and to provide assistance in particular to needy persons in the region."

**Tierheim, Verden-Walle** – In December 2015, the animal shelter Verden-Walle received **3,000 euros**; in September a sum of **1,000 euros** was already handed over from the candle budget. Mike Schreiter, Manager of Production District Lower Saxony: "With their immense commitment and dedication, the staff members of the animal shelter managed to gather significant goodwill. By increasing the funds provided, we intend to express our recognition and encourage them to continue their fantastic work."

**Frauenhaus und Frauen- und Mädchennotruf Rosenheim** – Donation cheques for **3,000 euros** each were handed over by the Bavarian Storage Facilities to the two charitable organisations "SkF Frauenhaus Rosenheim" and "Frauen- und Mädchennotruf Rosenheim". At a meeting held at the natural gas storage facility Inzenham-West, Iris Hinkel accepted the donations to the "SkF Frauenhaus" and Christiane Bierner for the "Frauen- und Mädchennotruf". Paul Schillmaier, the Works Council Chairman of the storage facilities, emphasises "that since 2002 the DEA storage facilities have donated over 90,000 euros to needy people in the Rosenheim region at Christmas". Holger Schmidt, Manager of the storage facilities: "We want to support the fantastic work performed by the two social institutions and are delighted to be able to help."

**Diakonie Himmelsthür, Wietze** – As part of the traditional pre-Christmas neighbourhood visit to the "Diakonie Himmelsthür", an Evangelical social welfare facility, the Wietze Drilling Department and Wietze Laboratory handed over a symbolic cheque for **4,000 euros**. This year's donation is intended for a rest room at the day-care centre located in Wietzer Schachtstrasse. Plans are to create a so-called "white room" with low exposure to stimuli, where visitors to the day care centre can find inner peace and balance. "For most of the 64 women and men, the idea is to experience a structured daily routine and to engage in sensible activities," explains Ute Kuklau, Divisional Head of the day care facility. DEA's donation from the previous year was used to build a wheelchair-boardwalk and a patio with a raised flower bed as well as to redesign the garden.



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## Background information

**DEA Deutsche Erdoel AG** is an international operator in the field of exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas based in Hamburg. Its focus is on safe, sustainable and environmental conscious exploitation of oil and gas. DEA has 116 years of experience working along the whole upstream value-chain as operator or project partner. With a staff force of 1,400 employees DEA has stakes in production facilities and concessions in, among others, Germany, Norway, Denmark, Egypt and Algeria. Moreover, in Germany, DEA also operates large subsurface storage facilities for natural gas.