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NEW CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT TEAM AT WINTERSHALL DEA

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Kassel/Hamburg. In the course of the merger of the two German gas and oil producers, Wintershall and DEA, to form Wintershall Dea, the Corporate Communications management team is also being reorganised. Michael Sasse will head the Corporate Communications Business Unit as Senior Vice President. Sasse previously headed the Corporate Communications & Government Relations department at Wintershall.

"Wintershall Dea is the largest independent gas and oil company in Europe. In the best sense of the word: a European champion! We have a new branding, new international locations and a new, joint team. But at the same time we will also continue to rely on the tried and tested: because communication at Wintershall Dea will continue to be open, clear and transparent," explains Sasse.

The Corporate Communications management team under Michael Sasse has also been restructured. Stefan Leunig heads the Corporate Issues & Reputation Management department at the new company from 1 May. Anna Bungarten is responsible for the Global Stakeholder Communication & Business Unit Relations department. Stephanie Raddatz heads the Corporate Services & Channels department while Peter Westhof heads Wintershall Dea's representative office in Berlin.

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All four colleagues will report directly to Michael Sasse in their respective capacities.

As part of the merger, the management of the regional communication units in Norway and Germany has also been reassigned. In Norway, Kristin Vinje is responsible for communications at Wintershall Dea. Carolin Flemming is responsible for communications for Wintershall Dea's domestic gas and oil production in Germany.

"Bringing together two proud and longstanding companies such as Wintershall and DEA is an extremely exciting communicative task. In addition, the energy industry as a whole is undergoing radical change and communication in our industry is correspondingly exciting," says Sasse. "As a company, we must contribute to meeting the increasing global demand for energy while at the same time protecting the climate. The issues of supply security and the energy transition are therefore the two poles shaping our communications work – and between which we want to build bridges. I'm looking forward to tackling this challenge together with the new management team," says Sasse.

About Wintershall Dea

With the merger of Wintershall Holding GmbH and DEA Deutsche Erdoel AG, two successful companies with a long tradition have formed Europe's leading independent natural gas and oil company: **Wintershall Dea**. The company with German roots and headquarters in Kassel and Hamburg explores for and produces gas and oil in 13 countries worldwide in an efficient and responsible manner. With



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activities in Europe, Russia, Latin America and the MENA region (Middle East & North Africa), Wintershall Dea has a global upstream portfolio and, with its participation in natural gas transport, is also active in the midstream business.

Wintershall Dea stands for more than 120 years of experience as an operator and project partner along the entire E&P value chain. The company employs around 4,000 people worldwide from over 60 nations. The company plans to increase its average daily production from around 590,000 barrels of oil equivalent to a range of 750,000 to 800,000 barrels in the period between 2021 and 2023. In the medium term, an initial public offering of Wintershall Dea is envisaged.

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