

PRESS RELEASE

Powerlines Group expands business sector ENERGY in Germany

Carsten Gärtner strengthens Powerlines Energy Germany as Managing Director

Powerlines Energy Germany has developed beyond the start-up phase to become an established and reliable partner for energy supply utilities

Current large-scale project: 380-kV-transmission line Wesel-Meppen for Amprion GmbH with a project volume of EUR 15 Mio. for Powerlines Energy Germany

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The Powerlines Group is strategically expanding its ENERGY business in Germany through its 100% subsidiary Powerlines Energy Germany and is thus investing in the future.

Norbert Hänsel, Managing Director of Powerlines Energy Germany: 'Powerlines Energy Germany was founded in 2016 with a fairly small team at Ehingen to drive the internationalisation of the ENERGY business sector. We have now most definitely grown beyond the initial start-up phase, and we have developed into an established provider on the German energy market. Now we will continue this successful growth.'

In November 2018, the dismantling work started in the Wesel-Meppen project. Powerlines Energy Germany was commissioned by Amprion GmbH to refit the existing 220-kV transmission line, upgrading it to a 380-kV-line. Once completed, this new 380-kV-line will become one of the major main axes for the transport of electricity from North to South Germany. Completion of the project with a volume of more than EUR 15 million for Powerlines Energy Germany is planned for 2020.

Since January 2019, Carsten Gärtner has strengthened the Powerlines Energy Germany team as very experienced Managing Director. Carsten Gärtner: 'I am very much looking forward to the new challenges within the Powerlines Group, and to working together with the entire team.'

Furthermore, Powerlines Energy Germany is to increase its regional presence with the establishment of two new offices in 2019, one serving the North-West and the other the North-East region. The team will be expanded in all areas and further development of the engineering department is underway. As well as providing engineering expertise in terms of

statics, Powerlines Energy Germany will also be able to provide in-house services in design, routing and construction.

Gerhard Ehringer, CEO of Powerlines Group: ‘ I am delighted that we have been able to gain such an experienced expert as Carsten Gärtner as Managing Director. I am absolutely convinced that our ENERGY business will continue to develop very successfully. We have won major projects both in Austria and in Germany, and the market outlook is also very positive for us. In order to enable the energy transition and compliance with the agreed CO₂- targets, large investments in energy transmission networks are necessary. In the RAIL sector too, decarbonisation will lead to an increase in the degree of electrification in the European rail networks. Personally, it makes me very proud to know that the work of our corporate group is making an active contribution to the energy revolution.’

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The Powerlines Group is an international corporate group active in the RAIL, PRODUCTS and ENERGY sectors. Powerlines is a system supplier in the RAIL sector and offers international customers a comprehensive range of services for rail electrification – including consulting, engineering and design, products, assembly and installation, service and maintenance – all from a single, reliable source. In the PRODUCTS sector Powerlines develops and distributes innovative components and complete systems for railway electrification. In the ENERGY sector Powerlines plans, installs and maintains high voltage transmission lines for energy supply utilities. Powerlines is one of the market leaders in rail electrification in Central and Northern Europe and the UK.

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