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BMZ Group and VDE Renewables establish a strategic partnership in the field of battery technology

(Karlstein am Main/Alzenau, 06.02.2020) The BMZ Group and VDE Renewables GmbH are signing a strategic partnership to promote a Europe-wide platform focusing on battery technology. The aim is to promote and strengthen international exchange within the industry. The internationally recognized Battery Experts Forum - organized by the BMZ Group - will serve as a platform for jointly advancing the issues surrounding the future of electrification. The globally active VDE Renewables is a subsidiary of the VDE Technology Association and offers comprehensive quality assurance services in the field of renewable energy generation and storage.

Burkhard Holder, the Managing Director of VDE Renewables said, "We are pleased to have a strong partner in the BMZ Group, the organizer of a very successful forum, with whom we can advance the core issues surrounding electrification even more clearly. It is critical 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 on an international level. The event has the decisive advantage of bringing together all the leading companies along the value chain of the battery. Such a broad target group is of central importance for us in order to address all those involved in sustainability, energy generation and energy storage as well as electromobility."

Another aspect of the close partnership is the further development of a more extensive, multidisciplinary conference program, where VDE plans to integrate new topics such as bankability, recycling and cyber security in energy storage systems into the BEF program in 2020.

Both the exhibition and the conference reflect the vision of the event: to create a central networking platform for the entire industry sector. Christian Adamczyk, Spokesman and Chief Marketing Officer of the BMZ Group, pointed out: "Battery technology is becoming increasingly relevant for more companies and industries, regardless of whether they are part of the supply chain or an OEM launching new products to the market. It is therefore essential to provide an open exchange in the form of such an industry platform. The high number of

registrations for the exhibition and the numerous applications for presentations confirm our vision for the Forum. With VDE and its large network, we can communicate the topic of renewable energies, electrification and battery-powered applications even more strongly.”

This year, the Battery Experts Forum has again registered a record number of registrations and is reaching its capacity limits despite the continually growing exhibition space. The organizers are especially pleased to welcome many new companies who will be exhibiting for the first time in 2020, recognizing the value of 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 company that 100% belongs to the VDE. Key responsibilities of the Alzenau-based company include marketing, business development and project management for certifications and other services in the field of quality assurance for the global renewable energy market. VDE Renewables GmbH closely collaborates with all structures of the VDE Group, particularly the VDE Testing and Certification Institute. As part of an international network consisting of partners such as the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems ISE, it tests and certifies components and systems according to the highest quality standards. www.vde.com/renewables

About VDE

With 36,000 members (including 1,300 companies) and 1,600 employees, the VDE Association for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies is one of the largest technical and scientific associations in Europe. The VDE embraces science, standardization work and product testing and certification under one roof. The association's thematic focuses range from the energy transition to industry 4.0, smart traffic and smart living to IT security. The VDE is especially committed to promoting research and the youth and to consumer protection. The VDE mark, known and respected by 67 percent of Germans, is considered to be a symbol for the highest safety standards. The VDE's main headquarters is located in Frankfurt, Germany. www.vde.com

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