

VDE Institute and DQS cooperate on management system certification

- **The VDE Institute and DQS launch strategic partnership**
- **Further increase in quality and cost efficiency for customers**
- **Reliability and service orientation are top priorities**

(Frankfurt am Main, 27.01.2023) Whether service quality, quality management, environmental management, or safety at work: the certification of management systems identifies weak points in companies and thus promotes sustainable development. The implementation of an audit is a great challenge and requires a competent handling of complex issues. The VDE Institute and DQS are now pooling their many years of experience and offer certification together. Thus, customers benefit from a variety of standards and regulations according to which DQS and the VDE Institute audit.

More than 30 years ago, the VDE Institute started to perform quality audits in addition to electrical safety tests, also at that time with the support of DQS. Since then, the assessments and certifications have a high market acceptance and enjoy high confidence worldwide. DQS covers a broad spectrum: In addition to ISO 9001 and ISO 14001, these include ISO 27001 for information security or ISO 50001 for energy management. In the automotive sector, DQS performs assessments based on TISAX® (information security in the automotive industry) and certifications according to IATF 16949 (quality in the automotive industry). In sustainability management, social audits in the supply chain (Supply Chain Act), auditing of sustainability reports and verification of greenhouse gas balances play essential roles.

The cooperation between DQS and the VDE Institute enables management systems to be certified across the entire value chain, beyond national borders. Sven Öhrke, member of the management board of VDE Institute: "We are very happy to have DQS as our new partner. This means we can continue to offer our customers certification of their management systems to the usual extent with the auditors they are familiar with."

"With DQS, VDE and its customers gain a strong partner in the field of system certification," explains Christian Gerling, Managing Director of DQS GmbH. "From now on, VDE member companies have access to an internationally operating network of DQS offices and auditors accompanying the entire value chain across national borders with certified management systems." Beyond ISO 9001 for quality management and ISO 14001 for environmental management, the DQS portfolio includes audits and assessments of all important standards and regulations such as information security, energy management, automotive and sustainability management. Christian Gerling: "We are very pleased that VDE has chosen DQS as a strategic partner."

About DQS

The core competencies of DQS lie in the performance of certification audits and assessments. Based in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, DQS Group is one of the leading providers worldwide. Its claim is to set new standards in reliability, quality and customer orientation at all times. More than 2,500 highly qualified and experienced auditors perform over 125,000 customized audits annually in more than 60 countries according to over 200 recognized norms and standards. DQS was founded over 35 years ago by DGQ, DIN and other German industry associations.

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About the VDE Institute

The VDE mark is synonymous with safety and quality in electrical devices, components and systems for more than 100 years. The VDE Institute - a subsidiary of the VDE Group - is a worldwide partner for industry customers, business, government authorities, the electrical trade and consumers. More than 100,000 devices per year are subjected to product, quality and safety tests by the VDE Institutes independent testing engineers before they receive the VDE mark. Around the globe, VDE experts monitor more than 7,000 production facilities.

Cooperation agreements with more than 50 countries ensure that the tests performed by the VDE Institute are internationally recognized. 200,000 types of products with millions of model variants bear the VDE mark worldwide. The VDE Testing and Certification Institute GmbH, a non-profit organization, employs more than 500 people in Offenbach am Main.

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About VDE

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consulting under one umbrella. The VDE mark has been synonymous with the highest safety standards and consumer protection for more than 100 years.

Our passion is the advancement of technology, the next generation of engineers and technologists, and lifelong learning and career development “on the job”. Within the VDE network more than 2,000 employees at over 60 locations worldwide, more than 100,000 honorary experts, and around 1,500 companies are dedicated to ensuring a future worth living: networked, digital, electrical. Shaping the e-dialistic future.

The VDE (VDE Association for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies) is headquartered in Frankfurt am Main. For more information, visit www.vde.com

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