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Strategic partnership: VDE Testing and Certification Institute and VfL Wolfsburg decide on cooperation

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(Wolfsburg/Offenbach a. M., 22.06.2023) VfL Wolfsburg is delighted to be working with the renowned VDE Institute and sees this partnership as a strong and reliable partner. The common goal is to implement certification projects in the field of sustainability and thus make a further contribution to climate protection. The cooperation enables VfL Wolfsburg to further expand its leading position in the field of environmental protection.

Michael Meeske, Managing Director of VfL Wolfsburg, expressed his enthusiasm about the new partnership: "VfL Wolfsburg has gained a strong and reliable partner in the VDE Institute. We are pleased about the cooperation and joint projects around climate protection. This strategic partnership will help us achieve our sustainability and climate protection goals."

Sven Öhrke, member of the management board of VDE Testing and Certification Institute and CEO of VDE Global Services GmbH, also commented on the new business relationship: "The 'Race to Zero' goal fits perfectly with the sustainability approaches of the VDE Institute. In particular, tests on recyclability and certifications within the scope of environmental projects are in our focus and coincide with the goals of VfL. We look forward to a successful cooperation."

The partnership between the VDE Institute and VfL Wolfsburg will encompass a wide range of measures in the field of sustainability and climate protection. Through the collaboration of both organizations, certification projects will be developed to test the recyclability of products and certify environmental projects. These projects will serve as a model for other soccer clubs and organizations and point the way to a more sustainable future.

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