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## **Koehler Renewable Energy Finds New Company to Develop Projects for Generating Renewable Energy in the UK**

**Oberkirch, Germany, 17.03.2022** – Koehler Renewable Energy, part of the Koehler Group, has been represented by its own UK company since September 2021. Koehler Renewable Energy set up the company Koehler Renewable Energy UK Ltd. in Dundee, Scotland, with a view to expanding its activities across Europe. Koehler Renewable Energy's focus in the UK is on onshore wind power and hydropower projects.

### **Koehler Already Established in the UK Market**

Koehler held a long-term interest in the area of renewable energies prior to entering the market. In addition to planning and implementing projects, Koehler Renewable Energy is also aiming to manage its own projects independently in the future. The company was able to establish itself in the UK back in 2013, undertaking various projects including hydroelectric power plants near Greenfield Burn, in Kelburn and in Ledard, as well as the Edintore Wind Farm. Koehler Renewable Energy Corporate Director and Koehler Renewable Energy UK Managing Director Nicolas Christoph had the following to say: "All previous projects have been implemented as part of a joint venture with vento ludens Limited. Now, this new company will allow Koehler Renewable Energy to stand on its own two feet and realize its ambitious growth plans in renewable energy."

### **Director Duo with Significant Experience in the Renewable Energies Sector**

Company Director Alan Mathewson and his colleague Nick Forrest possess considerable expertise in the environment and renewable energies sector. They both have experience in the energy industry and both previously worked at vento ludens. "I have been impressed by the enthusiasm and dedication of the entire Koehler Renewable Energy team in driving forward projects in the sector, as well as their enormous expertise," says Mathewson, adding, "We are certain that the British market will make a significant contribution to the Koehler Group strategy of producing more renewable energy from its own power plants than it requires for its paper production operations by 2030."

### **Onshore Wind Power: Scotland Offers Ideal Conditions**

Using onshore wind energy is a particularly attractive prospect for the expansion of renewable energies in the UK. Scotland has the ideal conditions for generating onshore wind power due to its very windy climate and sparsely populated regions. With this in mind, Koehler Renewable Energy UK is currently actively seeking new development opportunities for wind farms across Scotland.

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*Figure: Alan Mathewson (right) and Nick Forrest (left) in front of their new office in the Scottish city of Dundee. (Source: Koehler Group)*

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### **More about Koehler Renewable Energy**

Koehler Renewable Energy (KRE) has existed since 2012 as a subsidiary of the Koehler Group. Since then, it has implemented numerous projects in the area of wind energy, photovoltaics, hydroelectric power, and cogeneration. KRE's experts manage all stages of the value chain: acquisition, planning, development and smooth long-term operation are guaranteed thanks to the employees' many years of expertise.

In the coming years, KRE aims to achieve continued growth. The experienced team has already implemented projects worth a total of several hundred million euros with various partners, generating over 320,000 MWh of electricity each year as well as over 545,000 MWh of heat and over 780,000 tonnes of steam (as at: November 2020). Koehler Renewable Energy also makes an important contribution to the Koehler Paper's sustainability strategy with the objective of using 100% renewable energy by the year 2030.

The company is based in Southwest Germany. KRE plans and operates projects in Germany and abroad.

More information at: <https://www.koehlerenergy.com>

### **More about the Koehler Group**

The Koehler Group was founded in 1807 and has been family-run to this day. The Group's core area of business is the development and production of high-quality, specialty paper, including thermal paper, playing card board, drink coasters, fine paper, carbonless paper, recycled paper, decor paper, wood pulp board, sublimation paper, and, since 2019, innovative specialty paper for the packaging industry, too. In Germany, the Koehler Group, with its around 2,500 employees, has five production sites, as well as three more in the USA. The Group operates on an international level, with an export ratio of 70% in 2020 and annual revenue of about 800 million euro.

As an energy-intensive enterprise, Koehler invests with its unit Koehler Renewable Energy in renewable energy projects such as wind energy, hydroelectric power, photovoltaics, and biomass. The Koehler Group has committed itself to producing more energy from renewable sources than is needed for paper production by 2030.

With the business unit Koehler Innovative Solutions, Koehler is also developing new business areas that are outside its core business of specialty paper production and energy generation.

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