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Koehler Renewable Energy Appoints Dr. Philipp Hill to Management Board

- **Management Board of Koehler Renewable Energy thus expands**
- **Dr. Philipp Hill continues to be responsible for commercial biomass division**

Oberkirch/Germany, 08/12/2022 - Dr. Philipp Hill joins the board of management at Koehler Renewable Energy GmbH effective August 1, 2022. Dr. Hill assumes departmental responsibility for the commercial biomass division. Since 2012, Koehler Renewable Energy GmbH has been operating as a subsidiary of the Koehler Group and since that time has implemented numerous projects in the areas of cogeneration, wind power, photovoltaics, and hydropower. Koehler Renewable Energy has been represented with its own organization in the UK since September 2021, thus expanding its field of activity to other European countries.

One of Dr. Philipp Hill's main priorities will be in further developing Koehler Renewable Energy to make it an independent power producer (IPP). The Koehler Group has set itself the goal of generating more energy from its own renewable sources by 2030 than is required for its paper production operations. Dr. Hill will push this group-wide strategy for decarbonization by further expanding the biomass division, which he will continue to lead.

In addition, Dr. Hill will further expand Koehler Renewable Energy's sales focus. The plan is to implement energy system solutions for industrial companies that are looking to switch their energy supply over to renewable sources.

Dr. Hill at a glance:

Dr. Philipp Hill was born in Marburg in 1983. Over the last 13 years, he has held various positions in sales, finance, and planning & development in the construction and energy sectors. Since 2009, he has worked in the field of renewable energies with various companies. His responsibilities in those roles have included, as Head of Sales at the project development company BayWa r.e. in Munich, marketing biomethane as a method of supplying decentralized CHP systems in line with the German Renewable Energy Act (Erneuerbare-Energien-Gesetz, [EEG]).

Following this, Dr. Hill was employed as Director of Energy Trading at PNE AG, a Cuxhaven-based project developer for on- and offshore wind farms. In this position, he successfully implemented the marketing strategy for electricity from wind farms in various countries and established PNE as one of the first companies to market electricity supply contracts as part of an IPP strategy.

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*Figure 1: Koehler Renewable Energy management board expands with the appointment of Dr. Philipp Hill
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More on Koehler Renewable Energy

Koehler Renewable Energy has been a subsidiary of the Koehler Group since 2012, with its headquarters in Oberkirch in Southwest Germany. The company is helping to shape the energy transition both in Germany and abroad in a sustainable manner. In collaboration with business partners, numerous projects in the fields of biomass cogeneration, onshore wind power, photovoltaics, and hydropower have already been implemented. There is also a focus on new energy technologies. The experts at Koehler Renewable Energy manage all stages of the value chain: acquisition, planning, development, and smooth long-term operation of installations.

The experienced team has already implemented projects worth a total of several hundred million euros with various partners, generating over 268,000 MWh of electricity each year as well as over 23,000 MWh of heat and over 638,000 metric tons of steam (as at June 2022). This means that Koehler Renewable Energy is making a significant contribution to the Koehler Group's sustainability strategy, with the aim of offsetting all the energy required for Koehler Paper's paper manufacturing operations with renewable energy generated from its own installations by no later than 2030. In addition, Koehler Renewable Energy wants to position itself as a full-service provider for industrial power and heat customers, as well as a supplier of energysystem solutions based on renewable energy.

Find more information at <https://www.koehlerenergy.com>

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About the Koehler Group

The Koehler Group was founded in 1807 and has been family-run from that moment to the present day. The group's core business activity lies in the development and production of high-quality specialty paper. This includes—among others—thermal paper, playing card board, drinks coasters, fine paper, carbonless paper, recycled paper, decor paper, wood pulp board, sublimation paper, and also innovative specialty paper for the packaging industry since 2019. In Germany, the Koehler Group employs around 2,500 people across five production sites, with three additional sites in the USA. The group operates internationally, with an export share of 70% in 2021, and brings in an annual turnover of around 1 billion euros.

As an energy-intensive company, Koehler invests in renewable energy projects such as wind energy, hydropower, photovoltaics, and biomass with its Koehler Renewable Energy business unit. The Koehler Group has set a goal of producing more energy from renewable sources by 2030 than is required for its paper production operations.

In addition, with its Koehler Innovative Solutions business unit, Koehler is dedicated to developing new business areas outside of special paper production and energy production.

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