

# New Managing Director for STEAG Fernwärme

Matthias Ohl appointed Technical Director from 1 January 2021

**Essen. With effect from 1 January 2021, industrial engineer Matthias Ohl (40) has taken up the post of Technical Director at STEAG Fernwärme GmbH, an Essen-based subsidiary of the energy company STEAG.**

“STEAG Fernwärme is remarkably customer-focused. That provides an ideal breeding ground for new business models,” Matthias Ohl remarks in explaining what motivated him to take on a new career challenge at STEAG. Prior to his move to Essen, Matthias Ohl spent five years as Head of Power & District Heating Generation at WSW Energie und Wasser AG in Wuppertal.

At STEAG Fernwärme, he succeeds Markus Manderfeld (57), who cites personal reasons for his decision not to extend his contract, which still runs until the end of March 2021.

## Continuing to shape the energy transition

“I have received a very warm welcome at STEAG, and during the first two weeks in my new job I have already met a large number of motivated colleagues at Fernwärme, although digitally in most cases,” says Matthias Ohl, reflecting on his impression gained over the first two weeks. Together with his management colleague Michael Straus, Matthias Ohl is now working on continuing to lead STEAG Fernwärme successfully through the transformation of the industry determined by the three key issues of decarbonization, decentralization and digitalization.

The new Technical Director is in no doubt that this will succeed: “When it comes to district heating, STEAG is without question one of the top addresses in Germany.” What will be important, he stresses, is striking a balance between a stable core business on the one hand and the development and introduction of new business models and technical solutions on the other.

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For over 80 years, STEAG has stood for efficient and reliable power generation, both in Germany and abroad. As an experienced partner, we support our customers comprehensively in all phases of power supply. We design, develop, implement, operate and market highly efficient energy solutions – from distributed generation facilities based on renewable energy sources to large central power plants and recycling of their by-products. Together with customized solutions in the field of electricity and heat supply, we also provide a wide range of energy services – increasingly on the basis of renewables.

### **About STEAG Fernwärme**

As the largest district heating company in North Rhine-Westphalia, STEAG Fernwärme GmbH covers the heating requirements of more than 275,000 residential units with an annual heating supply of 1.6 billion kilowatt hours (kWh). More than 90 percent of this heat is generated according to the principle of combined heat and power (CHP). The heat is distributed through Germany's first trans-regional interconnected district heating system, the Ruhr district heating line, to the inner-city district heating networks in Bottrop, Essen and Gelsenkirchen. Via this extensive supply network with a total length of more than 680 kilometers, STEAG ensures that homes, public buildings, swimming pools, hospitals, and industrial and commercial enterprises are supplied with 'ready-made' heat reliably and in line with their needs. The reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions achieved through the use of district heating contributes significantly to relieving the burden on the environment. District heating is safe, clean and comfortable – a likable kind of energy. Since 2018, 49 percent of STEAG Fernwärme has been owned by MEAG - MUNICH ERGO AssetManagement GmbH.