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HOCHTIEF and EWE Go start construction works for Germany Network

Groundbreaking ceremony in Duderstadt / Goal: seamless fast-charging network

Oldenburg/Essen/Duderstadt, August 6, 2024. Works on the “Deutschlandnetz” (Germany Network) are progressing at a good pace. Today, construction works started for the first fast-charging park of the partners EWE Go and HOCHTIEF. In the coming weeks, more and more locations are planned to follow, allowing the Federal government's Germany Network project to significantly pick up speed. The two companies thus ensure that Germany’s fast-charging network is rapidly becoming denser, and are decisively advancing the drive transition in transportation.

The starting signal was given today, August 6, 2024, in Duderstadt. The charging park planned there is the first one to go from the planning phase into the construction phase now. The symbolic first sod was turned by Duderstadt’s mayor Thorsten Feike together with Kevin Tortora and Simon Stein, Managing Directors of EWE Go HOCHTIEF Ladepartner GmbH & Co. KG, the joint venture set up by EWE Go, a subsidiary of Oldenburg-based energy supplier EWE, and Essen-headquartered infrastructure group HOCHTIEF to deliver the Germany Network.

More charging parks to follow shortly

In Duderstadt, four charging stations with a total of eight charging points will be created; thus up to eight cars can be charged there simultaneously in future. Every charging point has a capacity of at least 200 kilowatts. The charging park in Duderstadt is expected to be operational in the course of the first quarter of 2024. Construction works will also start at other locations shortly so that ever more charging parks can go online at the beginning of next year already.

Ilker Akkaya, Managing Director of EWE Go, explains: “Our goal is to make easy electric charging possible for everyone and everywhere. For this purpose, a tightly woven fast-charging network is required. By building the Germany Network, we are further paving the way for electromobility and decisively advance the energy transition.”

Dirk Ortkemper, Managing Director of HOCHTIEF Ladepartner: “In the Germany Network, public-sector clients and private companies cooperate closely. To deliver quickly, the partners HOCHTIEF and EWE Go plan, build, finance and operate the stations from a single source.”

Fast charging with 100% green electricity

All Germany Network charging parks of EWE Go and HOCHTIEF are built barrier-free and are supplied with 100% green electricity. Depending on their size, they have four to 16 fast-charging points each. Every charging point has a capacity of at least 200 kilowatts. This means that—according to vehicle type and battery status—the battery can be fully charged in around 20 to 30 minutes.

The locations are in larger and smaller cities as well as in rural areas. Depending on the size and exact location, there are various additional offers. Bigger charging parks are generally roofed, and have snack machines, sanitary facilities and free WLAN.

The Germany Network

At the end of 2023, HOCHTIEF and EWE Go received a contract from the Federal Ministry of Digital and Transport to finance, plan, build and operate a fast-charging network for electric cars with a total of 850 charging points in the North-West and West regions. The areas are in North Rhine-Westphalia, Lower Saxony, Bremen and Hamburg as well as in parts of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and Schleswig-Holstein. Within the framework of the Germany Network, the Federal Ministry of Transport had invited bids for a total almost 9,000 fast-charging points at approximately 1,000 locations. The Germany Network's goal is to build a nationwide, needs-based and user-friendly fast charging network throughout Germany.

Partners

EWE Go, the mobility company in the EWE Group, currently operates more than 3,000 charging points across Germany, making it one of the largest operators of public charging infrastructure in Germany. In northwestern Germany, EWE Go operates the biggest public charging network. With the EWE Go app, private customers can charge 100% green electricity at EWE Go charging stations, and have access to more than 500,000 charging points across Europe.

HOCHTIEF has been one of the most important providers of transport and energy infrastructure for more than 100 years. The company plans, finances, builds and operates numerous transport networks itself and attaches great importance to sustainability. The Group has been involved in the leading international toll road operator Abertis since 2018, which maintains ca. 8,000 kilometers of toll roads in 15 countries.

More information:

www.ewe-go.de

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HOCHTIEF is an engineering-led global infrastructure solutions provider with leading positions in North America, Australia and Europe and a rapidly expanding presence in high-tech, energy transition and sustainable infrastructure markets. With around 41,500 employees and a sales volume of EUR 27.8 billion in 2023, HOCHTIEF is the leading construction management and green building company in the US (through Turner), the largest contractor in the Australia infrastructure services market (CIMIC), a key player in U.S. transportation infrastructure (Flatiron) and a renowned civil engineering and building construction company in Europe. The Group's PPP and infrastructure

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EWE Go is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Oldenburg-based energy service provider EWE AG. With more than 3,000 charging points nationwide, the company is one of the largest operators of public charging infrastructure in Germany and also operates the biggest public charging network in the country's northwest. With the EWE Go app, private customers can charge 100% green electricity at EWE Go charging stations, and have access to more than 500,000 partner charging points across Europe.

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