

LANXESS reduces carbon footprint with green electricity from VERBUND

- **Sustainable partnership with electricity from hydropower plants in Bavaria, Germany**
- **Power supply for LANXESS sites in Bergkamen, Bitterfeld, Brunsbüttel, Mannheim and Wietmarschen**

Cologne/Vienna, January 22, 2026 – Specialty chemicals company LANXESS and VERBUND, Austria's leading energy company and one of Europe's largest producers of hydroelectric power, have signed a contract for the supply of green electricity for the next three years. The agreement ensures a fully sustainable electricity supply with Bavarian hydropower for LANXESS' German production sites in Bergkamen, Bitterfeld, Brunsbüttel, Mannheim and Wietmarschen.

VERBUND will supply LANXESS from 2026 to 2028 with a total of around 200,000 MWh of green electricity from existing hydroelectric power plants on the Inn River in Bavaria, Germany. Compared to the German electricity mix, this means around 60,000 tons less CO₂. Thus, LANXESS is reducing its carbon footprint and that of its products from these sites—another step on the company's path to becoming climate-neutral in production by 2040.

Focus on climate targets

“Our production facilities operate 24/7, so we need electricity day and night. VERBUND's hydropower plants can guarantee this. At the same time, they support us on our path to climate neutrality,” explains Alexander Sonnenberg, Head of Energy Procurement at LANXESS, the collaboration.

Andreas Lanz, Center Manager Industrial Customers at VERBUND Energy4Business, is delighted about the cooperation: “The growing demand for sustainable electricity is a clear trend and a prerequisite for greater climate protection, security of supply and reliability. With

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the VERBUND Climate Transition Plan, a clearly defined path to reducing greenhouse gas emissions with the goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, we are pursuing a science-based reduction path and supporting industrial companies in reducing their carbon footprint and achieving their climate goals with our green electricity solutions.

VERBUND in Bavaria

VERBUND operates a total of 22 run-of-river power plants in Bavaria and on the Bavarian/Austrian border with an installed capacity of 1,040 MW and a generation of 5.9 TWh/a, of which 4.0 TWh/a is for Bavaria.

To strengthen Bavarian energy production, VERBUND has already implemented or is currently implementing projects worth around EUR 600 million. In addition, projects worth around EUR 1 billion are in the planning or approval stage.

When it comes to ecology, VERBUND also adheres to the highest ecological standards at its Bavarian hydropower plants. This includes comprehensive measures to protect aquatic ecology, such as ensuring fish passability, implementing comprehensive renaturation measures, preserving natural habitats, and continuously improving water quality. Around EUR 100 million have been earmarked for this in Bavaria and along the border until 2030, of which around EUR 30 million have already been implemented.

Committed to the energy transition

VERBUND is already one of the most sustainable energy producers in Europe and is pursuing ambitious goals. With planned investments of EUR 5.9 billion by 2027, VERBUND is planning to shape a sustainable energy future. Around EUR 400 million will be invested in ecological projects by 2030, with roughly EUR 200 million already implemented. In addition to species protection and fish migration, this

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requires the preservation of intact ecosystems, consideration of planetary boundaries, and adaptation to climate change. That is why VERBUND makes a significant contribution to the protection, preservation, and promotion of biodiversity and natural habitats as part of its business activities.

In addition to climate neutrality in production by 2040, LANXESS is pursuing the goal of making the entire upstream and downstream value chain climate neutral by 2050 (Scope 3), for example through products with a low carbon footprint. The renowned Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) has confirmed that these targets are in line with the 1.5°C reduction path of the Paris Climate Agreement. Just recently, LANXESS was also included in the Climate A List by the CDP climate protection initiative for the seventh time in a row.

LANXESS is a leading specialty chemicals company with sales of EUR 6.4 billion in 2024. The company currently has about 11,800 employees in 32 countries. The core business of LANXESS is the development, manufacturing and marketing of chemical intermediates, additives and consumer protection products. LANXESS has achieved leading positions in the Dow Jones Best-in-Class Index and the MSCI ESG and ISS ESG ratings, among others, for its commitment to sustainability.

VERBUND is Austria's leading energy company and one of the largest producers of electricity from hydropower in Europe. VERBUND operates 22 hydropower plants on the Bavarian Inn River and the border section of the Inn and Danube Rivers, making it one of the largest producers of electricity from hydropower in Bavaria as well. The company generates around 96 percent of its electricity from renewable energies, primarily hydropower. VERBUND trades in electricity in 12 countries and, with around 4,100 employees, achieved a consolidated result of around EUR 1,875 million and an EBITDA of around EUR 3,480 million in 2024. With its subsidiaries and partners, VERBUND is active in everything from electricity generation and transport to international trading and sales. VERBUND has been listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange since 1988, with 51% of its share capital owned by the Republic of Austria.

VERBUND is the key player in the success of the energy transition in Austria. The challenges ahead require a unified approach across the entire company, which VERBUND is driving forward with its Mission V. Mission V is a long-term and comprehensive transformation program and stands for the will to counter the climate crisis as a force for change. This program is based on the VERBUND Strategy 2030 with its three main thrusts: strengthening the integrated domestic market, expanding renewable energies in Europe, and establishing itself as a European hydrogen player. With Mission V,

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