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Press Release

Network further expanded

DVGW and Messe München agree a strategic cooperation on IFAT

- **New partner of IFAT 2016**
- **DVGW's key competence in drinking water supply to benefit IFAT**
- **Partnership to develop into a conceptual sponsorship from 2018**

The DVGW (*Deutscher Verein des Gas- und Wasserfachs*), the German gas and water engineers association, is to be a new partner of IFAT. The World's Leading Trade Fair for Water, Sewage, Waste and Raw Materials Management takes place from May 30 to June 3, 2016 at the Messe München exhibition center in Munich. Stefan Rummel, Managing Director of Messe München, commented: "We are delighted to have the DVGW on board as a new, strong partner in particular in the area of drinking water. I am confident that this will enable us to further develop the concept for IFAT in this section, too."

The partnership is intended to grow into a conceptual sponsorship of the DVGW for IFAT 2018. "As a competence network at the interface between science and research, business and politics, we are among the players actively shaping the future of the energy and water sector. We see IFAT as an innovative platform for the sector as regards international exchange among professionals in water engineering," pointed out Alexandra Ernst, Commercial Director at the DVGW.

Further information: www.ifat.de

IFAT

IFAT is the world's leading trade event for environmental technology. A total of 3,081 exhibitors from 59 countries, and 135,288 visitors from 168 countries took part in the last event. IFAT is held every two years; the next edition takes place from May 30 to June 3, 2016 in Munich.

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IFAT worldwide

Messe München's competence in organizing environmental-technology events is demonstrated not only in the world's leading trade fair for the sector, IFAT, but also in a range of other international trade exhibitions around the world. The spectrum encompasses IFAT Africa in Johannesburg, IFAT Eurasia in Istanbul, IFAT India in Mumbai, and IE expo in Shanghai. With IE expo Guangzhou there is now also a regional edition of the trade fair, focusing on the market in South China.

Messe München

Messe München is one of the world's leading trade-show companies. It organizes some 40 trade shows for capital and consumer goods and key high-tech industries in Munich and abroad. Each year more than 30,000 exhibitors and some two million visitors take part in events held at the Messe München trade-fair center, the ICM – Internationales Congress Center München and the MOC Veranstaltungszentrum München. In addition, Messe München organizes trade shows in China, India, Turkey, South Africa and Russia. Messe München has a global business presence with affiliates in Europe, Asia and Africa and more than 60 foreign representatives serving more than 100 countries.

Deutscher Verein des Gas- und Wasserfaches (DVGW)

The DVGW, the German Technical and Scientific Association for Gas and Water, promotes expertise and proficiency in the field of gas and water engineering, with a focus on safety, hygiene and environmental protection. With over 13,600 members, the DVGW is responsible for formulating the recognized rules of sound practice in the field of gas and water engineering. The association initiates and promotes research projects and provides training in all aspects of gas and water engineering. In addition it tests and certifies products, professionals and companies. The technical rules of the DVGW form the basis for the engineering services delivered by gas and water companies in Germany. These rules are a guarantee of safe and secure gas and water supplies to the highest international standards. Set up as a non-profit organization in 1859 in Frankfurt am Main, the DVGW is commercially and politically independent.