

## **MEDIA INFORMATION**

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### **Sustainability at VNG Handel & Vertrieb Above Industry Average**

**VNG Handel & Vertrieb GmbH has improved its score on the independent EcoVadis sustainability rating platform and once again been awarded the bronze medal.**

**Leipzig, 01.06.2021.** EcoVadis offers industry-specific sustainability ratings as well as a platform for suppliers and their customers. Large industrial users of gas, in particular, are increasingly taking supplier sustainability into account when selecting business partners. VNG Handel & Vertrieb (VNG H&V), a wholly-owned subsidiary of VNG AG headquartered in Leipzig, therefore underwent a sustainability assessment for the first time in May 2020 and was awarded bronze at the first attempt. The company's result is above the industry average.

*"Our customers are under increasing pressure to prove their sustainability. So we can see the relevance for sales and will be supporting our customers by showing them where we stand on sustainability",* says Konstantin von Oldenburg, Managing Director of VNG H&V.

The company was able to gain additional points in their annual re-scoring by EcoVadis in May 2021. The bronze medal for sustainability is valid for one year.

*"We are thrilled with the result. In the EcoVadis report, we can see what we need to do better – we can monitor our progress and continue improving. In many areas, just providing adequate documentation is a bigger problem than actually taking the relevant measures. Silver is our goal because I am sure: We can do it!"* Kerstin Schultheiß, Managing Director of VNG H&V, commented on the result.

#### **About VNG Handel & Vertrieb GmbH**

VNG Handel & Vertrieb GmbH is a wholly-owned subsidiary of VNG AG headquartered in Leipzig and responsible for wholesaler trading. The company is a reliable and flexible supplier of natural gas for trading companies in Germany and abroad, distributors, municipal utility companies and key accounts. Their innovative products for environmentally friendly power supplies enable them to provide customers with extensive support on sustainability issues and help with the implementation of new energy policies. VNG Handel & Vertrieb GmbH is well established both regionally and internationally as a natural gas trader and an energy service provider. You can find more information at [www.vng-handel.de/corporate-responsibility](http://www.vng-handel.de/corporate-responsibility)

#### **About EcoVadis**

EcoVadis was founded in 2007 and is now the largest and most trustworthy provider of company sustainability ratings worldwide with a global network of over 75,000 assessed companies. You can find more information at [www.ecovadis.com](http://www.ecovadis.com)

#### **Annex**

Bronze medal 2021

Highlights from the EcoVadis sustainability report 2021