



Press Release

“star” continues to thrive: ORLEN Germany is one of the top-three sales generating companies in Schleswig-Holstein

Elmshorn, 13 September 2011 – Top ranking for the petrol station brand “star”: In the study “The 100 biggest companies in Schleswig-Holstein 2011”, ORLEN Germany came in number three in the category for sales strength.

Sustainably on track for growth: With sales of 2.9 billion euros, ORLEN Deutschland GmbH came in behind wind turbine producer Vestas Deutschland GmbH (6.9 billion euros) and telecommunication company Freenet AG (3.3 billion euros) as the third strongest economic force in Schleswig-Holstein. The petroleum group was once again able to boost its sales by around 14 percent from 2.55 billion euros last year, thus advancing to third place in the ranking. “This shows that we are ideally positioned strategically and are on the best track to become the most popular petrol station brand in all of Northern Germany,” says Wieslaw Milkiewicz, Managing Director and Head of Marketing at ORLEN Deutschland GmbH. For the current year, Milkiewicz anticipates growth to continue in the double-digit range.

The study is published annually by the financial institution HSH Nordbank. Its results are based on a survey that the bank conducts at all larger companies with headquarters in Schleswig-Holstein as well as subsidiaries and operational divisions of external companies with local offices.

star – a strong brand of ORLEN Deutschland GmbH

star is the petrol station brand of ORLEN Deutschland GmbH, which has operated more than 560 petrol stations in the northern half of Germany since 2003. The company, which has its headquarters in Elmshorn near Hamburg, belongs to the Polish oil and petrochemistry group PKN ORLEN



SA, which is the largest Polish company with an annual turnover of 23 billion euros in 2010 and one of the largest Central European groups.

PKN ORLEN SA is listed on the stock exchanges in Warsaw and London and is represented on the petrol station market in Eastern and Central Europe with a total of 2,700 petrol stations in Germany, Lithuania, Poland and the Czech Republic. In recent years, large investments have been made in Lithuania and the Czech Republic to bring the group a step closer to its goal of becoming the leading oil company in Central Europe.

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