



Viruses and bacteria don't stand a chance at star petrol stations

ORLEN Deutschland is the first petrol station company to introduce air purifiers in its sales areas

Elmshorn, 3rd of September 2020 — Almost one in three people in Germany get nervous at the thought of going inside shops during the coronavirus crisis, while another 26% feel at least somewhat nervous¹. Starting on 7th of September, ORLEN Deutschland will, therefore, be installing air purifiers at star petrol stations, which are intended to reduce the risk of infection and offer people greater security. The devices continuously filter and purify the air using a special process involving UV-C light. This will effectively complement the existing safety measures such as wearing a face mask, keeping a distance of at least 1.5 metres from other people, using disinfectants, and the acrylic glass in the checkout area.

UV-C light is used to disinfect and clean water, air, and surfaces. The proven technology is also widely used in clinics and laboratories and has proven its effectiveness in many studies as well as in practical use. UV-C light can destroy the DNA and RNA of microorganisms such as viruses, bacteria, and fungi to prevent them from spreading. The air purifiers used by ORLEN Deutschland are high performance models made by the Polish specialist IGLOO. It is planned to run them continuously so that they can constantly clean the air.

“We want to do more and also be a pioneer when it comes to safety during the coronavirus crisis. That is why we are taking this extra step and installing air purifiers at our petrol stations. This is where our staff and customers meet and we want to provide the best protection for both,” explains Dariusz Pawlik, Managing Director of ORLEN Deutschland GmbH and its petrol station brand star.

“We are all still very much aware how hard lockdown hit us at the start of the coronavirus pandemic. Even in these times, we as a petrol station business have ensured

¹ Source: Statista.de (<https://de.statista.com/statistik/daten/studie/1120490/umfrage/empfinden-beim-einkauf-in-corona-zeiten/#professional>)

supplies for the population — and not only with fuels. A large number of customers pass through our petrol stations and lots of people meet there. Now, in particular as the number of infections is rising again, we see it as our responsibility to make our facilities safe and to protect our customers and staff as much as possible from contracting Covid-19. That is why we are offering this additional safety measure by installing the air purifiers,” continues Dariusz Pawlik.

star – a strong brand from ORLEN Deutschland GmbH

star is the petrol station brand of ORLEN Deutschland GmbH, which has been on the German market since 2003 and is operating more than 580 petrol stations. The company, which is based in Elmshorn near Hamburg, is part of the Polish oil and energy group PKN ORLEN S.A., which is the largest enterprise in Central Eastern Europe (CEE), with an annual turnover of EUR 25 billion in 2018.

PKN ORLEN is a leading player on the fuel and energy market and is listed in prestigious global rankings such as Fortune Global 500, Platts TOP250 and Thompson Reuters TOP100.

The Group owns state-of-the-art integrated infrastructure, capable of producing more than 35 million tonnes of various crude oil types per annum and of marketing its products through the CEE-region’s largest network of more than 2,800 modern petrol stations. PKN ORLEN’s offering includes over 50 top-quality petrochemical and refining products sold in more than 90 countries around the world on 6 continents. 60 percent of the company’s revenues are generated outside the country.

For the last few years, ORLEN has been established as the most valuable brand in Poland. PKN ORLEN is also the only company in the region that has been awarded the prestigious title of ‘The Most Ethical Company’ for the sixth time in a row by the American Ethisphere Institute.

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