



THW Kiel wins the 22nd German Championship

ORLEN Deutschland congratulates THW Kiel on winning the 2020/2021 German Handball Championship.

Elmshorn, 28th of June 2021 – In the 59th match of the marathon season 2020/2021, a draw at Rhein-Neckar Löwen is enough for the Zebras to win the 22nd German Championship. The crowning glory of an incredibly long season: ORLEN Deutschland is proud of its Zebras.

The 2021/22 handball season is decided by the very last throw, one second before the end. The ball misses the post by just a few centimetres, giving the Zebras the point they need. A 25:25 (13:12) was enough for the defending champions from Kiel to win the 22nd German Championship. "Today was a special day for every handball fan – you can't get more exciting than that," said sponsor player Patrick Wiencek. "I'm really happy for the boys and for the whole team behind the team – without this support, none of this would be possible – I'm just proud," said Filip Jicha after the heart-stopping final.

"What the team has achieved during this season deserves our utmost respect. It's important to have strong partners like star and ORLEN by your side. As upcoming brands, star and ORLEN are going full speed in the German market for further expansion and to succeed – just like THW Kiel – it's just a perfect match," says Waldemar Bogusch, CEO of ORLEN Deutschland GmbH and its petrol station brand star. After the 2019/2020 season, this is the second championship in a row that THW Kiel can celebrate together with ORLEN Deutschland as its proud main sponsor.

Last September, ORLEN Deutschland announced the extension of its sponsorship with THW Kiel and is thus counting on a long-term cooperation. Unfortunately, a joint championship celebration on the town hall square in Kiel has been cancelled again this year.

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 19 billion in 2020.

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. 55 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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