

Press release

## The "star" in Schleswig-Holstein: ORLEN Deutschland again among the top three companies with the most sales

Elmshorn, 4 March 2013 – a further top spot for the petrol station brand "star". In the survey published by HSH Nordbank "The 100 biggest companies in Schleswig-Holstein 2012", ORLEN Deutschland was placed third in the total sales category for the second year running.

With annual revenues of EUR 3,940 million, ORLEN Deutschland GmbH numbers among the most important economic forces in Schleswig-Holstein. Ahead of the oil group that generated turnover of EUR 1,914 million in the period under review from 1 January to 30 June 2012, were the companies Raffinerie Heide GmbH with EUR 2,700 million and E.ON Hanse AG with EUR 2,000 million.

As such, ORLEN was able to increase its sales again from EUR 3,516 million in the previous year by around 12 percent. "The result once again confirms the success of our strategy", said Wieslaw Milkiewicz, managing director and press spokesman of ORLEN Deutschland GmbH. "Our aim remains to become the most popular petrol station brand in Germany." For the current year, Milkiewicz anticipates continued growth.

The survey is published by the credit institution HSH Nordbank annually. Its results are based on a survey conducted by the bank of all major companies with their head offices in Schleswig-Holstein as well as of subsidiaries and facilities run by companies located elsewhere but offering employment within the region.



## star – a strong brand of ORLEN Deutschland GmbH

star is the petrol station brand of ORLEN Deutschland GmbH, which has been operating more than 560 petrol stations in the northern half of Germany since 2003. The company, which is based in Elmshorn, near Hamburg, is part of the Polish oil and petrochemicals group PKN ORLEN SA, which is the largest company in Eastern Europe and one of the largest in Central Europe with an annual turnover of 26 billion euros in 2011.

PKN ORLEN SA is listed on the Warsaw and London stock exchanges and is represented on the petrol station market in Eastern and Central Europe with a total of 2,700 petrol stations in Poland, the Czech Republic, Germany and Lithuania. 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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