

Press release

Climate-friendly local heat network for Scheuring launched

GP JOULE and the Upper Bavarian municipality seal cooperation for establishing sustainable heat supply

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Mayor Konrad Maisterl and Felix Schwahn, Managing Director of GP JOULE HEAT, have signed a concession contract to get the planning of a local heat network in Scheuring underway. Acquisition activities are to begin in April. Then the project will also be presented at the community meeting.

The aim is to offer all citizens in Scheuring an affordable, price-stable and renewable heat supply by constructing a local heat network. Safeguarding a secure supply of energy is also a key issue for the municipality. All parties involved are striving for a solution in order to become as independent as possible from fossil fuels. A large heat pump is to take over the base load of the heat network. It is powered by electricity from a photovoltaic park (5 MW) in the municipal area. A wood chip heating system supplied with wood chips from the community will absorb peaks.

The inhabitants of Scheuring are extremely interested in the local heat network, as Mayor Maisterl has discovered. He is pleased that climate-friendly energy production is now in the starting blocks. The primary school, the volunteer fire brigade building, the kindergarten and the Lechrain hall will also need new heating in the foreseeable future.

Starting west of the Mühlbach stream, where the municipal properties are also located, a pipeline about 2.5 kilometres long is to be laid, which will also give the future builders in the planned Angerwiese II construction area the opportunity to heat using renewable local heat. GP JOULE wants to start acquiring customers as early as April. Because the project can only be implemented if enough households join in. Construction could then begin in mid-2024. The energy turnaround company will present the project at the community meeting on 25 April. GP JOULE has founded an operating company, Renergiewerke Scheuring GmbH, in which the municipality can also participate.

Trustworthy partner from the region

"We want a partner from the region who has a lot of experience in the field of renewable energies and who is within reach when needed," says Mayor Maisterl. Last year, he visited GP JOULE's headquarters in Buttenwiesen (Dillingen district) together with representatives of his community. There, the guests learned about the broad portfolio of GP JOULE, which is active as an integrated energy supplier in all areas of the energy value chain: from generation to the use of wind and solar power, green hydrogen and heat.

Images



Caption 1: Looking forward to the joint cooperation: Felix Schwahn, Managing Director GP JOULE HEAT, and Mayor Konrad Maisterl (r.) sign the concession contract.

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About GP Joule

As an integrated energy supplier, GP JOULE is active in all areas of the energy value chain: from generating to using energy, from consulting to financing and project planning to construction and service. GP JOULE produces and markets wind and solar power, green hydrogen and heat and makes use of it where it is most effective: in electric and hydrogen-based mobility, in households and in industry. GP JOULE has been shaping the future of energy in Europe from Germany since 2009. With the aim of delivering a secure, independent and sustainable supply of energy. 100 % renewable energy for all.

The company's main locations are in Buttenwiesen, in the district of Dillingen, and in Reußenköge in North Frisia, where the founders and former fellow students Heinrich Gärtner and Ove Petersen each took over their parents' farms after studying agricultural engineering and expanded them with company offices. Around 650 people work for the medium-sized group of companies in Germany, Europe and North America.

GP JOULE was awarded the German Mobility Prize 2022 for the hydrogen mobility project eFarm.

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