

# PRESSEMITTEILUNG

## **Rock Tech receives EMAS certification from the Chamber of Commerce for its environmental commitment in Guben, Germany**

The successful completion of the EMAS audit shows that sustainable management, environmental protection and the intelligent use of raw materials and energy in the production of battery-grade lithium hydroxide play an important role in the corporate activities of Rock Tech Lithium in Guben. This is the world's most demanding environmental management system in accordance with European standards. Currently, 35 organizations are registered with the Brandenburg Chambers of Industry and Commerce (IHKs). André Fritsche, Managing Director of the Cottbus Chamber of Industry and Commerce, presented the EMAS certificate today to Kerstin Wedemann, Chief Legal & Operations Officer, and Henrik Wende, Operational Readiness Manager, and thanked them for their commitment to the company, which plans to create around 170 jobs in Lusatia.

**André Fritsche says:** "The big challenge these days is to combine climate protection, resource conservation and creation of competitive advantages. We are therefore delighted that sustainability and resource conservation are top priorities in the construction of Europe's largest lithium converter plant and associated infrastructure. Cooperation with local energy companies is an important building block in supplying the site with climate-neutral electricity and heat in the future. Energy efficiency and regional value chains form the basis of sustainable GreenTech industrial locations such as Guben. The activities are significant and make the region interesting for further investments in green future technologies made in Lusatia."

Rock Tech Lithium wants to achieve high sustainability targets by 2030. These include a CO<sub>2</sub>-free supply chain and climate-neutral logistics, intelligent energy, water and waste management and the recording of all environmental impacts from production to recycling and disposal.

**Kerstin Wedemann**, CL&OO of Rock Tech Lithium, explains: "We are delighted to have received the certificate for the EMAS audit of our converter in Guben from the Chamber of Industry and Commerce today. This confirms our consistent efforts to reduce our environmental impact. Sustainable and resource-conserving management is part of our basic understanding as a company. Lusatia therefore also offers excellent conditions for us, as the distances both for the supply of green energy and to the customers of our product are short. This is why the CO<sub>2</sub> footprint of our lithium hydroxide will also be 30 percent below the industry average, as our life cycle assessment has shown. We are proud to soon be able to make an important contribution to the emission-free and battery-powered future of the German automotive industry with our lithium hydroxide."

Rock Tech Lithium is planning to produce battery-grade lithium hydroxide in Guben. The project has an investment volume of 730 million EUR. The approval process is nearing completion, and the subsidy application process is underway.

### **EMAS background**

Any organisation or company can participate in EMAS (Eco-Management and Audit Scheme). All activities, products and services are reviewed with regard to their impact on the environment. An environmental management system is created on this basis. Brandenburg's Chambers of Industry and Commerce take on EMAS registration for companies and provide comprehensive information on the subject. The IHK also offers a simplified environmental management system with the "Brandenburger Umweltsiegel" ("Brandenburg Environmental Seal") for companies that want to approach the topic first

### **ABOUT ROCK TECH**

Rock Tech is a cleantech company with operations in Canada and Germany on a mission to produce lithium hydroxide for electric vehicle batteries. The Company plans to build lithium converters at the doorstep of its customers, to guarantee supply-chain transparency and just-in-time delivery, beginning with the Company's proposed lithium hydroxide merchant converter and refinery facility in Guben, Germany. The second Lithium converter will be built in Red Rock, Ontario, Canada. Rock Tech plans to source raw material from its wholly-owned Georgia Lake spodumene project located in the Thunder Bay Mining District of Ontario, Canada, as well as procuring it from other responsibly producing mines. In the years to come, the Company expects to also source raw material from discarded batteries. To close the most pressing gap in the clean mobility story, Rock Tech has gathered one of the strongest teams in the industry. The Company has adopted strict environmental, social and governance standards and is developing a proprietary refining process aimed at further increasing efficiency and sustainability. Rock Tech's goal: to create a closed-loop lithium production system.

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