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EnBW and x+bricks enter into partnership to further expand charging infrastructure for grocery-retailers

More than 100 new locations will become equipped with High Power Charging infrastructure // Charging electric vehicles while shopping becomes an important factor for properties

Karlsruhe/Luxembourg. Drivers of electric cars will soon be able to charge their vehicles at even more shopping locations. EnBW is exclusively equipping properties of x+bricks with High Power Charging (HPC) **infrastructure**. x+bricks specializes in operating commercial food-anchored properties, such as supermarkets, throughout Germany. Based on the cooperation, the grocery retailers' customers receive 100 percent green energy at EnBW charging locations and are able to charge energy for a range of 100 kilometers in just five minutes – depending on the vehicle configuration. At all charging locations in the EnBW "HyperNetz", e-car drivers pay a standardized, transparent price per kilowatt hour.

Retailers as important location partners for EnBW

Timo Sillober, Chief Sales & Operations Officer at EnBW, knows that retailers play a key role in boosting electromobility: **"Charging must be easy to integrate into everyday life.** That is why we are building charging infrastructure in places where customers spend time anyway – and that is especially the case with retailers." To this end, EnBW relies on strong cooperation partners such as x+bricks, that owns attractive **grocery-anchored properties** throughout Germany. "Our cooperation with x+bricks is a win-win for everyone: the property owners, the grocery-retailers, and, above all, the customers. They can charge their electric vehicles easily and conveniently while shopping and therefore choose locations that offer such opportunities", Sillober continues.

„As a future-oriented platform for **grocery-anchored properties, sustainability plays an important role in the operation of our properties. Most of our portfolio consists of highly frequented grocery stores.** The charging infrastructure at the parking lots of our properties increases the attractiveness for consumers and thus for our tenants enormously. Compared to other providers, this provides our partners in the grocery sector with a sustainable locational advantage. Ultimately, we create added value for our tenants, their customers, and the environment", says Sascha Wilhelm, CEO of the x+bricks Group.

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EnBW reaches milestone in its expansion and continues to invest in its fast-charging network

In 2020, a third of all new HPC charging points in Germany is operated by EnBW. With more than 500 sites, it operates the **largest fast-charging network in the country**. The energy company wants to double this number to 1,000 sites by the end of the year, **which means to triple EnBW's fast-charging points** across Germany. On this path, the company is continuing to drive the mobility revolution. By 2025, EnBW is investing up to EUR 100 million per year to expand the fast-charging infrastructure in Germany, both in urban centres and in the countryside as well as along long-distance routes. The strategic partnership with x+bricks is a vital component for a charging infrastructure in Germany and thus for the success of the electromobility.

About x+bricks

x+bricks is the leading and fastest growing platform for grocery-anchored properties in prospering German cities. The company, which has developed the software solution PATA for real estate analyses, focuses on an attractive market that combines long-term contracts with financially strong tenants as well as high demand with low vacancy rates, thus ensuring continuously growing earnings regardless of economic cycles. x+bricks was founded by Sascha Wilhelm in 2018 and comprises around 200 properties throughout Germany. To date, x+bricks has acquired real estate valued at around EUR 1 billion. Further information can be found at: <https://xandbricks.de/>.

About EnBW HyperNetz

The EnBW HyperNetz® offers e-car drivers access to more than 150,000 charging points in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands, France, and Italy. The EnBW Mobility+ app always finds the nearest charging point. E-car drivers can also use the app to make convenient, contactless payments. Consistent, transparent prices per kilowatt hour apply at all charging points in the EnBW HyperNetz. With this offer, EnBW repeatedly won the test for the best electromobility provider in Germany (connect charging tests 07/2020 and 12/2020).

About EnBW

EnBW is one of the largest energy supply companies in Germany and Europe, with a workforce of some 24,000 employees. It supplies electricity, gas and water together with infrastructure and energy-related products and services to around 5.5 million customers. Installed renewable energy capacity will account for 50% of EnBW's generating portfolio by the end of 2025. This is already having a noticeable impact in terms of reducing CO2 emissions, which EnBW plans to halve by 2030. EnBW aims to attain climate neutrality by 2035.

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