

Press Release

VTG boosts its already excellent rating in the GRESB global sustainability ranking

- **VTG allows its sustainability performance to be systematically assessed for the second time**
- **By earning 99 out of a possible 100 points, VTG secures 12th place in the overall ranking**
- **Results underline the company's successful efforts to act sustainably**

Hamburg, October 18, 2022. In just its second year participating in the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB), VTG has earned 99 out of 100 possible points (2021: 96) in the prestigious ranking. This score enabled VTG to move up to 12th place in the overall assessment (2021: 22nd place) out of 649 participating companies (2021: 550) in the Infrastructure category.

GRESB is the leading international rating system that specifically aims to measure the sustainability performance of companies and funds in the real estate and infrastructure sectors. With its benchmark, the American-Dutch institute compares participating companies and assesses their sustainability performance in seven categories: management, policy & disclosure, management of risks and opportunities, monitoring & environment management system (EMS), certifications, stakeholder engagement and performance indicators. The extensive assessment criteria are updated every year and aligned with international reporting standards, goals and specifications.

The so-called GRESB score resulting from the weighting of the seven categories plays an important role in increasing the transparency of companies' sustainability-related efforts and enabling them to be compared. "We are pleased about the excellent ranking. But, more importantly, we are thrilled to be on the right track with our sustainability strategy," says Bernd Nawitzky, Head of Management Systems & Safety. "VTG is embracing its responsibility. With our innovative solutions and sustainable transport concepts, we are helping to realize the urgently needed modal shift from road to rail while using our resources sparingly. We aim to be a climate-neutral company by 2040 and are acting against climate change with this clear course. At the same time, VTG is also fulfilling its social responsibilities with a wide range of initiatives." This commitment to environmental, social and governance issues has once again been awarded a 5-star rating, the highest possible score, in the GRESB assessment.

Among the 22 rail companies participating worldwide, VTG took first place this year for the "Performance" component. "In addition to being a great acknowledgment of VTG's commitment to sustainability, this also shows that we are using the right indicators to manage these activities," adds Eike Furkert, Sustainability Manager at VTG. "Our work is paying off, and we would like to thank all our colleagues for their dedication to sustainability and for the extensive efforts they made while preparing the company to participate in the GRESB assessment."

Representing the entire Executive Board, Sven Wellbrock, Chief Operating Officer Europe & Chief Safety Officer at VTG AG, adds: "The rail system will be a key success factor in shaping a sustainable

future. We are keenly aware of the need for VTG – the market leader and a driver of innovation – to set an example by putting our expertise and inventive capabilities to good use. Thus, we are delighted not only that VTG is making a significant contribution to developing eco-friendly transport concepts for our customers with our business model and innovative solutions, but also that it succeeded in making another outstanding impression during its second time participating in the GRESB rating.”

About VTG:

Headquartered in Hamburg, VTG Aktiengesellschaft is a global asset owner and logistics company with a strong focus on rail. Besides hiring out rail freight wagons and tank containers, it also provides multimodal logistical services and integrated digital solutions. The company's fleet includes around 88,500 rail freight wagons – mostly tank wagons, intermodal wagons, standard freight wagons and sliding-wall wagons – as well as about 5,000 tank containers.

This diversified service portfolio gives VTG's customers a robust platform for international freight transportation, based on which the company develops made-to-measure logistical solutions for any and every industry. Over many years, VTG has accumulated granular expertise across the entire transport chain – expertise that is now flanked by smart technology. The Group likewise combines a wealth of experience with a specialized knowledge of the transportation of liquid and sensitive goods in particular. Its customers include a plethora of leading companies representing the chemicals, petroleum, automotive and paper industries, agriculture and virtually every other sector besides.

VTG posted revenue of EUR 1,221 million and an operating profit (EBITDA) of EUR 472 million in the 2021 financial year. The Hamburg-based company's subsidiaries and affiliates give it a sizable footprint in Europe, North America and Eurasia. Effective December 31, 2021, VTG employed around 2,150 people worldwide.

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