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### **Green power for profine - photovoltaic system connected to the grid at Pirmasens site**

Sustainable development and future-oriented investments in the company's sites are a top priority for profine Group.

Hence, January saw project developer WIRSOL connect an EEG-compliant photovoltaic system to the grid at the Pirmasens site of profine GmbH. The impressive project is one of the last photovoltaic systems of this size to be approved for construction under the previous German Renewable Energy Sources Act (EEG).

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4,583 modules were installed across a total of five factory roofs in Pirmasens. The photovoltaic system has a total peak output of 1,214.5 kilowatts and enables profine GmbH to reduce its CO<sub>2</sub> greenhouse gas emissions by an impressive 643 tons per year.

"As an owner-managed group, we do our utmost to achieve sustainable development. This is the reason our carbon footprint as a whole and sustainable investments are extremely important to us. In WIRSOL we have found a competent and responsible partner to help us attain these goals," said Dr. Peter Mrosik, owner and CEO of profine.

The sheer size of the system necessitated an extremely careful approach to module planning and installation on the part of project developer WIRSOL from Baden-Württemberg, with the biggest overall challenge being the time required for EEG-compliant completion and subsequent connection to the grid.

"The challenge with any project of this size is to bring the system on stream without interrupting operations and so avoid any downtime for profine GmbH," explained Johannes Gross, sales manager at WIRSOL.

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For the EEG-compliant photovoltaic system, a total of 4,583 modules were installed on five roofs at profine GmbH's Pirmasens site.

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#### About WIRSOL:

WIRSOL is a brand name of WIRCON GmbH. Energy provider WIRCON GmbH was established in December 2013 with the aim of developing, constructing and operating renewable energy projects. WIRCON Group predominantly focuses on large-scale wind and photovoltaic projects, small roof-mounted photovoltaic systems for private customers, large roof-mounted photovoltaic systems for primarily commercial customers and the sustainable operational management of renewable energy facilities powered by such means. To this end and backed by a strong partner with long-term vision in the shape of Dietmar Hopp, WIRCON Group is well set to face the future challenges of decentralised power generation, power storage, power management, energy procurement and the direct marketing of energy.

#### About profine:

profine GmbH – International Profile Group – is a worldwide leading manufacturer of PVC-U profiles for windows and doors and a renowned provider of shutter systems and PVC sheets. With its KBE, KÖMMERLING, and TROCAL brands, the Group supplies its products to 70 countries and has an excellent international standing at 29 sites in 22 countries. profine Group manufactures at production facilities in Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Russia, India, Ukraine, the USA and China, with its head office in Troisdorf, North Rhine-Westphalia, and a payroll of 3,300.

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