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Austrian Power Grid (APG): Electrical Power Supply for Austria Secured

APG takes further measures to ensure availability of all staff members to ensure long-term security of supply. "We have decided to focus our resources on the necessary core operations to uphold an unimpeded and secure power supply in Austria", says APG Head of Corporate Communications Christoph Schuh.

APG supports the measures stipulated by the Austrian government to reduce the number of social contacts to an absolute minimum. Therefore the APG crisis management group has decided on the weekend to implement accelerated provisions to enable their staff to work from home and to interrupt all construction work not necessary for immediate operation. Staff members whose presence at APG locations is not required for maintaining core operations are already working from home as of this morning (Monday, March 16, 2020). Christoph Schuh: "This past weekend APG has already initiated the necessary steps to interrupt construction activities and to facilitate maximum efficiency of staff members working from home to protect the health of our employees and to ensure the company's long-term operability and capacity to act."

The objective of the company's package of measures is to maintain all operationally necessary processes in all departments which guarantee the security of power supply in Austria. "We are consciously focusing on the operability of our core activities. The electrical power supply for Austria, its people, and its businesses is guaranteed in its usual quality and without any problems thanks to the work of our highly qualified employees. Especially in challenging times like these Austria needs a reliable and stable power supply", says Christoph Schuh.

The current APG package of measures includes the following aspects:

- **Security of supply:** all staff members of the Power Grid Control (the main coordination center) and manned substations have to adhere to a special set of hygiene and precautionary provisions as they work to ensure power supply in Austria. All maintenance tasks necessary for operation are still being undertaken
- **Crisis management group on orange alert:** Since the beginning of March 2020 APG has installed a permanent crisis management group, which evaluates the current situation on a daily basis, determines measures and makes dispositions
- **Construction sites:** Suspension of all construction and expansion projects has been initiated on the weekend; this is our contribution to reduce the presence of people outside their own homes to a minimum
- **Accelerated work-from-home provision:** staff members whose presence at APG locations is not necessary for maintaining core operations are invariably required to work from home as of March 16, 2020. This means that approximately two thirds of the employees are currently teleworking from home
- **Business trip ban:** business trips are only approved for operationally absolutely necessary travels



- **Video conferences instead of meetings:** in-person meetings have to be avoided. Technical equipment for virtual meetings is available at all locations.

About Austrian Power Grid AG

Austrian Power Grid (APG) is Austria's independent transmission system operator in charge of monitoring and managing the nationwide transmission network. Its infrastructure is the lifeline of the country, its population and its businesses. The APG network totals a length of about 3,400 km and is operated, maintained and continuously adapted to the increasing challenges of economy and society by a team of more than 600 specialists. APG guarantees security of supply to ensure that everybody has enough electricity when needed. As one-stop-shop APG is an important service provider of the energy sector. APG's staff develop suitable market products, have an excellent knowledge of physics and ensure security and efficiency of supply for Austria.

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