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## **Press release**

### **Heide Refinery appoints new Managing Director**

**Roland Kühn has been appointed as the new Managing Director. He takes over from Jürgen Wollschläger who is moving to a new position within the Klesch Group**

**Hemmingstedt, 1 December 2022** – Heide Refinery today announced Roland Kühn, previously Production Manager of Heide Refinery, has been appointed as the new Managing Director. Effective 1 December 2022, Roland Kühn succeeds Jürgen Wollschläger, who is moving to a new senior management position within the Klesch Group.

*“I feel very privileged to take on this role at such an exciting time while the current business environment is tough for our industry. Nevertheless, I am feeling confident that together with all our motivated employees we can create a long-lasting future success for our refinery,”* said Roland Kühn.

Roland, who has worked for Heide Refinery for more than 20 years, has a broad experience of running an oil refining business. Prior to his role of Managing Director, he led the production department of Heide Refinery. He qualified as a professional during his time working for Heide Refinery in several areas including the Laboratory and Scheduling group. He is a graduate in chemical engineering of the University of Lübeck, Germany.

After almost ten years as Managing Director, Jürgen Wollschläger will now focus his time on the integration of both Refineries, Heide (Germany) and Kalundborg (Denmark), into the Klesch Group. His focus will be the strategic alignment of the two refineries and optimising commercial performance. *“I am looking forward immensely to working on the future success of both refineries.”* Jürgen said, as the newly appointed Managing Director of the Refining Division within the Klesch Group.

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Raffinerie Heide GmbH placed in Dithmarschen, Schleswig-Holstein, is Germany's northernmost crude oil refinery.. The company has an annual processing capacity of 4.5 million tonnes of crude oil, equal to the oil demands of the entire state of Schleswig-Holstein. The refinery with a medium-sized ethos, which was founded in 2010, produces traditional petroleum products such as petrol, diesel and aviation fuel. It also produces light heating oil and base materials for the chemicals industry. Raffinerie Heide, which is one of the most complex refineries in Europe, is among the best in the continent in terms of utilisation and availability thanks to its strict standards of care in relation to maintenance.

The company which is based in Hemmingstedt and Brunsbüttel is energising itself for a new, greener future. Raffinerie Heide aims to play an active contribution in the German energy revolution. For this purpose, the company is focusing on the use of alternative resources and renewable energies in this. Together with other partners Raffinerie Heide works on the use of renewable electricity and on the production of 'green' hydrogen through electrolysis. Read more about the refinery in a future tense under: [www.future-heiderefinery.com/en/](http://www.future-heiderefinery.com/en/)