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Press Release

IFAT 2020

IFAT is postponed—new date in September 2020

- New date for IFAT: September 7–11, 2020
- Postponement in agreement with exhibitor representatives

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Due to the increasing spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in Europe and based on the recommendations of the German Ministry of Health and the Bavarian State Government, Messe München feels compelled to postpone IFAT 2020. This measure is taken in consultation with the Executive Board of the Exhibitors' Advisory Board, the conceptual partners and in responsibility for the health of exhibitors and visitors. IFAT will take place from September 7 to 11, 2020.

“Under the given circumstances, opening IFAT in May would not be justifiable towards our customers, in particular from a medical and economic perspective,” says Stefan Rummel, Managing Director of Messe München and responsible for IFAT. “Now, we are looking forward to host a successful IFAT 2020 in September jointly with the industry.”

The decision to postpone the event was taken by Messe München in close cooperation with the Executive Board of the Exhibitors' Advisory Board, the conceptual partners and in consideration of the many exhibitors' responses. The Chairman of the Exhibitors' Advisory Board, its Executive Board and Managing Partner of the Kirchhoff Group, Dr. Johannes F. Kirchhoff, explains: "The conceptual partners of IFAT support the postponement of IFAT 2020. Based on the current situation, we estimate that the willingness of exhibitors and visitors to take part in the event is increasingly declining. Many companies have massively tightened the travel conditions for their employees, in addition to the personal insecurity of the individual and the unpredictability of further developments, jeopardizing the success of the trade fair in May. At the same time, the

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importance of IFAT for the entire industry is so great that we do not want to take this risk.”

IFAT’s conceptual partners are: Federal Association of the German Waste, Water and Raw Materials Management Industry (BDE); German Technical and Scientific Association for Gas and Water (DVGW); German Association for Water, Wastewater and Waste (DWA); German Municipal Vehicles and Equipment Industry Association (VAK); German Engineering Federation (VDMA); German Association of Local Utilities (VKU).

For further information for exhibitors and visitors on current developments, please go to www.ifat.de/en

About IFAT

IFAT is the world's largest and leading environmental technology trade fair. Every two years, the world-leading trade show presents solutions for water, sewage, waste and raw materials management as well as solutions to make maximum use of resources and to close raw material cycles. The 2018 edition attracted 3,305 exhibitors from 58 countries and 142,472 trade visitors from 162 nations. The event occupied a completely booked space of 260,000 square meters, divided among 18 halls and an outdoor area. The next IFAT will be held at the exhibition center in Munich from September 7 to 11, 2020.

IFAT worldwide

Messe München not only demonstrates its considerable expertise in organizing environmental technology trade shows with the world's leading trade fair IFAT. Other international events include IE expo China in Shanghai, IE expo Chengdu in Chengdu, IE expo Guangzhou in Guangzhou, IFAT Africa in Johannesburg, IFAT Eurasia in Istanbul, IFAT India in Mumbai as well as IFAT Delhi in New Delhi. Together, the eight IFAT events form the world's leading network for environmental technologies.

Messe München

Messe München is one of the leading exhibition organizers worldwide with more than 50 of its own trade shows for capital goods, consumer goods and new technologies. Every year, a total of over 50,000 exhibitors and around three million visitors take part in more than 200 events at the exhibition center in Munich, at the ICM – Internationales Congress Center München and the MOC Veranstaltungszentrum München as well as abroad. Together with its subsidiary companies, Messe München organizes trade shows in China, India, Brazil, Russia, Turkey, South Africa, Nigeria, Vietnam and Iran. With a network of associated companies in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America as well as around 70 representations abroad for over 100 countries, Messe München has a global presence.