

Press Release

VTG earns top marks in GRESB sustainability ranking

- **VTG allows its sustainability performance to be systematically assessed for the first time**
- **By earning 96 out of a possible 100 points, VTG secures 22nd place in the overall ranking**
- **Results underline the company's successful efforts to act sustainably**

Hamburg, December 13, 2021. Even though it was its very first time participating in the GRESB, VTG has earned top marks in the global sustainability ranking. With 96 out of a possible 100 points, the company ranked 22nd among the approximately 550 companies participating worldwide in the “Infrastructure” benchmark test, which put the company in the top 4 percent of sustainable investments.

GRESB (Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark) 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 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 an outstanding impression during its first time participating in the GRESB rating,” said Oksana Janssen, Chief Operating Officer Eurasia & Far East at VTG. “Our commitment to environmental, social and governance issues has been awarded a 5-star rating, the highest possible score.”

What's more, VTG ranked 20th among 556 companies in the “Management” category, 32nd among 551 companies in the “Performance” category, and 2nd in the peer group of a total of six Western European rail freight companies. “Society as a whole is facing major challenges: combating climate change, improving air quality, reducing noise pollution, and developing sustainable mobility concepts,” noted Sven Wellbrock, Chief Operating Officer Europe & Chief Safety Officer at VTG. “The rail system will be a key success factor in shaping a sustainable future.”

“Already back in October 2020, VTG very successfully placed corporate bonds on capital markets in the United States and Europe whose sustainability was certified by the Climate Bond Initiative – marking the first green private placement in the history of our company,” added Mark Stevenson, Chief Financial Officer at VTG. “With a GRESB ranking that places us among the top 4 percent of sustainable

investments, we are underscoring VTG's attractiveness to our financing partners, as we are also leading the way in the environmental, social and governance space."

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 94,000 rail freight wagons – mostly tank wagons, intermodal wagons, standard freight wagons and sliding-wall wagons – as well as about 9,000 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 1,218 million and an operating profit (EBITDA) of EUR 492 million in the 2020 financial year. The Hamburg-based company's subsidiaries and affiliates give it a sizable footprint in Europe, North America, Russia and Asia. Effective December 31, 2020, VTG employed around 2,100 people worldwide.

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