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Further expansion of China business

ALBA Group, Techcent and Deyang Construction Investment Group are planning to build a high-tech recycling park

+ Signing ceremony today at meeting between the German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Chinese Prime Minister Keqiang Li

Berlin. The ALBA Group, one of the world's leading recycling, environmental services and raw materials providing groups, has agreed to build a high-tech recycling park with Chengdu Techcent Environment Co., Ltd. ("Techcent") and Deyang Construction Investment. The signing ceremony took place today on the occasion of the meeting between the German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Chinese Prime Minister Keqiang Li in Berlin.

The roughly 3.3 square kilometre "Deyang Resource Recycling Industrial Park" is to be built south-east of the city of Deyang in the eastern agglomeration of Sichuan Province. The park's unique concept provides for all types of waste and all treatment and recycling steps to be processed in one place using the state-of-the-art plants available. The strictest environmental standards will be complied with in the process. Thus reducing transport costs and environmental pollution. All the region's waste is to be returned to the economic cycle, residual waste is to be minimised and the region's air and water pollution is to be reduced as best as possible using state-of-the-art technology, the intelligent networking of material and energy flows and a centralised park infrastructure. ALBA is providing specialists for all types of waste, taking a lead in designing the concept, organising the interaction and also applying for several modules itself.

"China is very interested in rapid progress in terms of environmental protection. In the process it is relying on German recycling expertise, like we offer at ALBA," says **Dr Axel Schweitzer, CEO of ALBA Group**, on the occasion of today's signing of the agreement. "We want to develop these kinds of high-tech recycling parks, like the one planned now, in various Chinese regions. We are delighted to be able to make a start with our partners in Deyang and be a role model for other projects with this. As a result, we are actively supporting China to continue to set up and expand the concept of modern and sustainable recycling and reuse."

The Deyang Resource Recycling Industrial Park is seen as a model for sustainable waste management in China; sustainable waste and recycling concepts for use in mega cities are being practically tested here. The investment volume is roughly EUR 1 billion. Enquiries for other parks in other regions have already been received.

The ALBA Group's expertise in China

The ALBA Group has been represented in Hong Kong since the early 1990s, from where it developed its Asian business. Since 2011 the ALBA Group has also played a strong role in the fields of recycling consulting and technological project management in China. The ALBA Group is therefore providing information about the possibilities and experiences in recycling technology using the example of its own plants. The ALBA Group also acquired the contract for the collection and recycling of household "regulated" electronic scrap for the more than seven million residents in the large metropolis of Hong Kong in spring 2015. The contract includes the building

of a recycling plant for electronic scrap as well as the operation of the collection and recycling system for the duration of ten years. The ground-breaking ceremony for the building of the reuse plant which is supposed to be commissioned this year took place in January 2016.

About Chengdu Techcent Environment Co., Ltd.

Chengdu Techcent Environment Co., Ltd. is a leading environmental specialist with head office in Chengdu in Sichuan Province. The technology company was founded in 2001 and is active in research, development, services and plant construction for environmental technology, among other things. Techcent has had a 60 percent share in the ALBA Group's services and China business since the start of 2017.

About Deyang Construction Investment Group

Deyang Construction Investment Development Group is a wholly state-owned, large enterprise group. Based on the former Deyang City Construction Company Limited, the Group was set up in March 2016 with a registered capital of over 700 million euros. They are mainly engaged in the investment and operation of urban and rural infrastructure and public goods in the area of Deyang, such as public transportation, municipal and water conservancy construction.

About ALBA Group:

With its two brands – ALBA and Interseroh – and a total of about 7,500 employees ALBA Group operates within Germany, Europe and Asia. With an annual turnover of approx. 1.8 billion Euros (2016) ALBA Group is one of the leading recycling and environmental services companies as well as raw material providers worldwide. In 2015 alone ALBA Group saved almost 5.9 million tonnes of greenhouse gases compared to primary production and at the same time about 51.8 million tonnes of primary raw materials through its recycling activities.

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Photo 1:

Wenquan Luo (front row left, representative Deyang), Prime Minister Keqiang Li (back row left), Chancellor Angela Merkel and Dr Axel Schweitzer, CEO ALBA Group, at the Signing Ceremony.

Photo 2:

From Left to Right: Dr Axel Schweitzer (ALBA Group), Wenquan Luo (Deyang) and Xiang Deng (Techcent)

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