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The fast charging network for e-cars is growing: New location in Thuringia launched

- IONITY, Tank & Rast, and Volkswagen Sachsen open high-power charging stations at the motorway service areas Altenburger Land North and South (A4)
- The second fast charging station on Thuringia's motorways with up to 350 kW
- Nationwide charging infrastructure on long-haul routes makes e-mobility even more attractive in Germany
- Proximity to the Zwickau electric car plant an important factor for the location

Bonn / Zwickau / München, 19 July 2019 - The charging infrastructure for electric cars is making a big leap forward in Thuringia. IONITY, Tank & Rast, and Volkswagen Sachsen, together with Uwe Melzer, District Administrator of the Altenburger Land District, opened the region's second HPC charging station today. The service stations Altenburger Land North and South on the A4 motorway will thus become part of the Europe-wide HPC network, which IONITY will expand to up to 400 locations by 2020.

"We want to make the e-car attractive to as many people as possible. This means being able to load it comfortably and quickly, even on long trips. The new fast-charging stations in Altenburger Land are a visible sign that the expansion of the charging infrastructure is making progress. In addition, Volkswagen is currently building Europe's largest electric car factory nearby in Zwickau. The region is thus becoming a pioneer of e-mobility, and the ultra-modern fast chargers fit well into the picture," says Thomas Ulbrich, member of the board of management for e-mobility at Volkswagen.



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Volkswagen AG is a co-founder of IONITY, a joint venture with the BMW Group, Daimler AG, Ford Motor Company, Audi, and Porsche. "We are delighted to be helping to shape the 'mobility of the future' with our charging stations here near Zwickau, where the Volkswagen ID.3 will soon roll off the production line," says Dr. Michael Hajesch, CEO at IONITY.

Tank & Rast already has the largest connected fast-charging network in Germany with several hundred fast-charging stations. This is being successively densified with further, more powerful charging stations. Together with IONITY, Tank & Rast will complement its existing network of fast charging posts at around 80 locations with the latest generation of high-speed charging stations with up to 350 kW.

"A comprehensive charging infrastructure also outside cities or metropolitan areas is an important factor for the long-term acceptance of electromobility. With our great commitment to the development of a reliable and comprehensive charging infrastructure, we are making a significant contribution to the introduction of electric mobility in Germany," says Andreas Rehm, proxy for Tank & Rast.

Like all other HPC charging stations from IONITY, the tank and service stations at Altenburger Land North and South each have four charging points with state-of-the-art charging technology that are compatible with the European Combined Charging System (CCS). The charging points are designed for up to 350 kW and allow significantly shorter charging times if the vehicle is designed accordingly. Thus, the cooperation partners are already providing a sustainable charging infrastructure.



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About IONITY

IONITY is based in Munich and was founded in 2017; it is a joint venture of the BMW Group, Daimler AG, Ford Motor Company and the Volkswagen Group including Audi and Porsche. IONITY's mission is to build an extensive and reliable High-Power Charging network (HPC) for electric vehicles in Europe to make comfortable long-distance travel a reality. IONITY has been able to secure attractive national and international locations through its strong cooperation partners. IONITY is an internationally registered trademark. www.ionity.eu

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