

Media Release**Vienna - February 9, 2023****UEST welcomes ILF Consulting Engineers Austria to the consortium.**

The Underground Energy Storage Technologies (UEST) consortium is pleased to announce that ILF Consulting Engineers Austria GmbH, a division of the ILF Group, has become a new business partner as of January 2023. With its proven expertise in the sector of carbon capture and storage (CCS), ILF ideally augments the current UEST service portfolio. With over 45 regional office locations on five continents, the strong ILF presence now gives the consortium enhanced access to international markets.

UEST partners are accelerating the energy transition by pooling their expertise and capabilities to support their global energy partners in harnessing the promise of new energy streams. Stepping up investments and activity in clean-energy fuels and technologies is crucial to safeguard the energy supply for world economies while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The addition of ILF to the consortium will enable UEST to further pick up the pace in implementing storage applications in the areas of CCS, carbon capture, storage, and utilisation (CCUS), geothermal energy, and hydrogen. To realise the promise of hydrogen – which the IEA has called “an increasingly important piece of the net zero emissions 2050 puzzle” – underground hydrogen storage infrastructure must be established as quickly as possible.

“We are delighted to welcome ILF as a new partner to the UEST consortium. Their participation enhances our engineering capabilities as a group. Together, we will build on what is already an impressive track record in the area of CCUS, in particular, and extend our global reach.”

Dr Diethard Kratzer, Managing Director, UEST

“For ILF, joining UEST was the next logical step after having previously – and very successfully – collaborated with members of the consortium. We look forward to tackling new challenges with these highly professional partners, all with the shared goal of achieving sustainable and responsible use of energy and natural resources.”

Dr Chandrasekhar Ramakrishnan, Managing Director, ILF Consulting Engineers Austria GmbH



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About Underground Energy Storage Technologies (UEST)

As a centre of excellence, UEST is a strategic partnership of the HOT Energy Group, RED Drilling & Services, the ILF Consulting Engineers Austria, and Chemieanlagenbau Chemnitz (CAC). The consortium fuses the individual partners' decades of specialised know-how and expertise in underground storage technologies. UEST delivers high-end and cutting-edge solutions for natural gas (UGS), carbon dioxide (CCUS), and hydrogen storage – from prospect assessment and operational planning, drilling, workover, and well engineering, all the way through to handover of storage facilities.

For further information about UEST: www.underground.energy and the consortium members: www.hoteng.com, www.red-drilling-services.at, www.ilf.com, www.cac-chem.de.

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