



Press Release

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Smoldering Fire at Herfa-Neurode Underground Waste Disposal Plant Extinguished

On January 13, 2017, a storage chamber at the Herfa-Neurode underground waste disposal plant in which a smoldering fire had broken out was opened by the Hattorf-Wintershall mine rescue team accompanied by representatives of the Kassel Regional Council as well as of the Central Office of the Mine Rescue Service in Clausthal-Zellerfeld. It was found that the fire had extinguished itself.

The Kassel Regional Council, as the agency with oversight responsibility, confirmed that an appropriate fire protection concept had been deployed and suitable measures implemented. The fire did not pose a danger to people or the environment at any time.

Investigations into the causes of the fire is being conducted in consultation with the Kassel Regional Council and is still underway.

About K+S KALI GmbH

K+S KALI GmbH with its headquarters in Kassel mines crude salts containing potassium, magnesium and sulphur in six mines in Germany. A wide range of fertilizer specialties and intermediate products for many different technical, industrial and pharmaceutical applications is produced from them. K+S KALI GmbH is one of the leading suppliers of potash and magnesium products worldwide. The company, which belongs to the K+S Group, employs more than 8,000 people.

More information about K+S KALI GmbH can be found on the company's website at www.kali-gmbh.com.

About K+S Entsorgung GmbH

With its registered office in Kassel, Germany, K+S Entsorgung GmbH is a wholly owned subsidiary of the raw materials producer K+S. As a pioneer in underground waste management and leading provider in Europe, the Company operates two underground waste disposal sites and five underground reutilisation plants. Chambers in salt and potash mines are used for this purpose, which are separated from ongoing extraction operations. The waste is disposed of in a way that is maintenance-free and save in the long-term or reutilised as backfill building materials.

For the secondary aluminium industry, K+S Entsorgung offers comprehensive service for saline aluminium slag recycling in the patented REKAL plant at the Sigmundshall (Wunstorf) site. Recycling of minor contaminated building materials is a further business sector.

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