

## Press release

DEKRA takes over engineering firm Ingenieurbüro Witte in Versmold

# DEKRA Expands Non-Destructive Testing

- DEKRA is to become leading provider of non-destructive material testing in Germany
- Strategic location in the north of the country
- Particular focus on testing services for the energy industry

**DEKRA furthers expansion in non-destructive material testing (NDT) business and takes over engineering firm Ingenieurbüro Witte in Versmold/Ostwestfalen. DEKRA is thereby adding to its network of non-destructive material testing sites in the region in northern Germany. A particular focus is being placed on testing services for the energy industry and pipeline construction. With associate companies DEKRA Incos, DEKRA Visatec and Ingenieurbüro Witte, DEKRA is now the leading provider in non-destructive material testing in Germany.**

Since 1968 Ingenieurbüro Witte has been a specialist in non-destructive testing processes for plant and mechanical engineering, pipeline construction, the process industry, materials engineering, foundry, public utilities, as well as the gas and oil industry. In addition to mobile testing, the company based in Versmold also has an accredited materials laboratory.

“With this transaction, we are gaining highly specialized staff for our non-destructive material testing business, along with a well-known customer base in northern Germany,” explains Guido Kutschera, who as Executive Vice President is responsible for the business of the DEKRA companies in Germany. “As a leading testing company we are thereby increasing urgently required testing capacities, also as regards future solutions for transporting gases such as hydrogen, which are obtained by climate-neutral means.”

Joakim Wikeby, Executive Vice President of the DEKRA Service Division Industrial Inspection: “We are delighted to welcome Ingenieurbüro Witte to the DEKRA family and the global network of around 1000 NDT experts. The geographical fit is perfect but also the inspection techniques, equipment and facilities for heavy-duty testing required for current and future needs.”

DEKRA Incos is specialized in mechanical material testing and in non-destructive material testing, for example, radiographic testing, ultrasound and surface crack testing, tightness testing and visual inspections, along with special testing methods. Customers come from the process industry, plant and pipeline

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construction, as well as the aerospace industry. Furthermore, the company takes over the inspection of technical plants and components, manufacturer approvals, as well as construction and welding monitoring. Through associate company DEKRA Visatec, DEKRA Incos also offers equipment and inspection systems for mechanized testing.

### **About DEKRA**

*DEKRA has been active in the field of safety for more than 90 years. Founded in 1925 in Berlin as Deutscher Kraftfahrzeug-Überwachungs-Verein e.V., it is today one of the world's leading expert organizations. DEKRA SE is a subsidiary of DEKRA e.V. and manages the Group's operating business. In 2020, DEKRA generated preliminary sales totaling 3.2 billion euros. The company currently employs more than 43,000 people in approximately 60 countries on all six continents. With qualified and independent expert services, they work for safety on the road, at work and at home. These services range from vehicle inspection and expert appraisals to claims services, industrial and building inspections, safety consultancy, testing and certification of products and systems, as well as training courses and temporary work. The vision for the company's 100th birthday in 2025 is that DEKRA will be the global partner for a safe world.*