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New Dates in September 2020

SHK ESSEN 2020 Is Being Postponed

SHK ESSEN which was planned for the period from March 10 to 13, 2020 is being postponed to the late summer and will take place at Messe Essen from September 1 to 4, 2020. Today, Messe Essen stipulated the new dates together with the North Rhine-Westphalia Trade Association for Sanitation, Heating and Air Conditioning (FV SHK NRW), the ideal sponsor of the trade fair for sanitation, heating, air conditioning and digital building management. Against the background of the spread of the coronavirus, particularly the staging of international events entails a number of official requirements which the fair company would be unable to implement at proportionate expense. On the basis of an official decree, Messe Essen has therefore decided to postpone SHK ESSEN 2020. The sector is supporting the rescheduling of the dates of the fair.

"The health of the participants in our fair is first and foremost for us," explained Oliver P. Kuhrt, CEO of Messe Essen. "In close coordination with the ideal sponsor and the cooperation partners of SHK ESSEN, we have therefore decided to reschedule the trade fair to the start of September. I thank everybody involved for the close and trustful collaboration in this particular situation characterized by force majeure."

Hans-Peter Sproten, Managing Director of FV SHK NRW, supplemented: "In the current conditions, there is no alternative to postponing SHK ESSEN to September 2020. We are very optimistic that the sector will have a positive response to the new dates - around four weeks before the beginning of the heating period."

Andreas Lücke, Managing Director of the Federation of German Heating Industry (BDH) and Chairman of the Specialist Advisory Board for SHK ESSEN, shared this estimation: "The postponement of the fair is giving the sector planning security in this unclear situation and is setting the points for a successful, unencumbered SHK ESSEN in the late summer."

"From an exhibitor's viewpoint, we are welcoming the decision and are supporting the rescheduling to the new dates in September," commented Thilo C. Pahl,



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Chairman of the Board of the Industry Forum for Sanitation (IFS) and Member of the Specialist Advisory Board for SHK ESSEN.

Wolfgang Burchard, Managing Director of the Trade Association for Valves in the German Engineering Federation (VDMA Valves) and Member of the Specialist Advisory Board for SHK ESSEN, also advocated the postponement of the fair to the later dates: "The current situation is demanding flexibility from all of us - that applies, not least, to the industry, too. VDMA Valves is therefore absolutely welcoming the fact that Messe Essen has fixed new dates for SHK ESSEN immediately after becoming aware of the official decree."

About SHK ESSEN

Every two years at SHK ESSEN, over 500 exhibitors from more than 15 countries present innovations and trends from the fields of sanitary objects and sanitary installations, heating technology, ventilation and air conditioning technologies as well as digital building management.

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