

**CITIZEN SOLAR PARK HARTUNGSHOF - GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY IN PRESENCE  
OF THE STATE OF SAARLAND'S MINISTER OF ECONOMICS AND ENERGY, JÜRGEN BARKE**

Saarbrücken, 04 July 2022 - Construction work on one of the largest solar parks in the State of Saarland can start. On July 04, 2022, the groundbreaking ceremony for the citizen solar park Hartungshof in Bliesransbach took place in the presence of the Minister for Economic Affairs, Innovation, Digital Affairs and Energy of the State of Saarland, Jürgen Barke, the mayor of the municipality of Kleinblittersdorf, Rainer Lang, and representatives of environmental associations.

In addition to contributing to sustainability through green, Co<sub>2</sub>-free electricity, the solar park will also bring a direct benefit to the citizens of Kleinblittersdorf. Through the concept of citizen participation, it will be possible for citizens of the community to participate financially in the future park via a cooperative. Citizens from the municipality of Kleinblittersdorf will be given priority to participate in the project, after which participation will be open to all other interested citizens. According to current planning, the start signal for financial citizen participation will be given at grid connection. The public will be informed about this in due time and in advance via the regional media and the internet.

Andreas Hoffmann, CEO of Greencells GmbH, at the occasion of the ceremony: "In future, Greencells intends to increasingly offer opportunities for citizen participation in projects under its own development. This will give citizens the opportunity to participate economically in the success of renewables and will further raise awareness of solar energy as an essential driver of the energy transition. The citizen solar park Hartungshof is a pioneer project, and we would like to thank the municipality of Kleinblittersdorf, Mr. Mayor Lang and the involved environmental protection associations for the trustful cooperation and active support during the planning process, which made this project possible in the first place."

Minister of Economics and Energy, Jürgen Barke: "The citizen solar park Hartungshof is a showcase project that takes us another step towards an independent energy supply. The massive expansion of renewable energies has long been necessary not only ecologically, but also in terms of industrial policy. In the long term, this is the way to reduce dependence on oil and gas and to lower prices."

Rainer Lang, mayor of the municipality of Kleinblittersdorf: "We don't just talk about climate protection and energy transition, we also act on it! It now shows that the war in Ukraine and its consequences also increase the urgency of this energy transition. Therefore, it fills me with pride that after two years of intensive planning, we have succeeded to start the construction of the citizen solar park Hartungshof today."

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Greencells Group is a global project developer and provider of EPC and O&M services for large-scale solar power plants. With a track record of over 2.4 GWp of installed capacity, the company is an experienced partner for the optimal planning, financing, implementation and operation of solar parks. The Greencells Group companies employ around 100 people as well as several hundred skilled workers on their active construction sites. As one of the largest European providers of solar power plants, the Greencells Group has already been successfully involved in the construction or planning of more than 135 photovoltaic plants in over 25 countries.

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