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New energy for dream cruise ships: E.ON and MEYER WERFT plan to reduce production-related CO₂ emissions

- Framework agreement for a long-term partnership and five project development agreements for decarbonisation signed
- Greenhouse gas emissions at the Papenburg site set to fall by around 25% by 2030
- E.ON plans to invest up to €38 million

E.ON and MEYER WERFT today agreed a long-term partnership to implement a comprehensive energy concept across the MEYER Group's shipyard sites in Germany. As a first step, the partners aim to reduce CO₂ emissions at MEYER WERFT's Papenburg site by around 25% by 2030 compared with the 2022 baseline. Five initial projects will decarbonise the site's energy supply and production processes.

The partnership is underpinned by a framework agreement between MEYER WERFT and E.ON, providing the basis for developing and implementing the individual energy projects. E.ON will finance the required energy infrastructure, which MEYER WERFT will use under a lease arrangement. E.ON plans to invest up to €38 million in the initial measures until 2030.

"With a strong partner such as E.ON, we at MEYER WERFT want to play our part in reducing CO₂ emissions. Our focus is not only on gradually decarbonising the site and creating future-ready production, but also on developing more environmentally friendly cruise ships for the future," said **Jörg Heidelberg, Chief Operating Officer** at MEYER WERFT. As part of its "Vision" concept study, MEYER WERFT is currently developing battery-electric cruise ships.

Dermot Fleischmann, Chief Commercial Officer Germany at E.ON Energy Infrastructure Solutions, added: "Decarbonising industry is one of the key challenges facing Germany as a business location. New energy solutions must not only cut emissions; they must also be economically viable. Our partnership with MEYER WERFT demonstrates how this can be achieved. Together, we are

developing long-term projects to make the industrial transformation at the Papenburg site both competitive and effective."

The measures will be implemented in stages. Their scope, timing and design remain subject to further planning as well as technical, regulatory and economic requirements. As a first step, the companies have identified five projects:

- **Shore power system at the outfitting pier:** Electricity generated on board during engine and generator trials cannot currently be used. E.ON and MEYER WERFT therefore plan to install a bidirectional shore power system, enabling electricity to flow both from ships to the yard and from the yard to ships.
- **Heat pump to replace oil and gas heating:** A new air-source heat pump is expected to replace the current oil- and gas-based building heating system. The gas network in the shipbuilding halls will also be converted to a water-based heating system.
- **Electric radiant heaters instead of gas:** Electric radiant heaters will replace the gas-fired units currently used to heat components. Demand-based controls will optimise their energy consumption.
- **Ventilation system upgrade:** Replacing the ventilation system offers significant efficiency gains through heat recovery and improved air distribution.
- **Rooftop solar installation:** A photovoltaic system with a capacity of around five megawatts peak is planned across 24,500 square metres of roof space, generating solar power for direct use at the site.

The agreement establishes a long-term partnership to progressively reduce CO₂ emissions while strengthening the future competitiveness of the Papenburg shipyard. The planned measures are not limited to one location: similar projects are already being developed for NEPTUN WERFT's site in Rostock-Warnemünde, which is also part of the MEYER Group.

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About MEYER WERFT

Headquartered in Papenburg in Germany's Emsland region, MEYER WERFT is one of the world's leading shipyards and is renowned for building state-of-the-art cruise ships and specialised vessels. Its activities also include the construction of offshore converter platforms. Founded in 1795, the company combines centuries of shipbuilding expertise with technological innovation.

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