

# **Press release**

# LECH Nowy Staw III wind farm by RWE started producing energy for Kompania Piwowarska's breweries

- RWE has fully connected its 12-MW-wind farm to the grid
- Electricity needs of all three breweries are covered 100% with green energy

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As of 2021, 100% of the electricity needs of the three breweries owned by Kompania Piwowarska are covered with wind energy supplied by RWE. Newly launched wind farm LECH Nowy Staw III located near the town of Nowy Staw, about 50 km south-east of Gdansk, the wind farm, owned and operated by RWE, is comprised of three turbines, which together have a total installed capacity of 12 megawatts (MW) and meets 54% of Kompania Piwowarska's demand for electricity necessary to brew beer in the Dojlidy Brewery, Lech Browary Wielkopolski and Tyskie Browary Książęce, while the remaining 46% is already delivered by the existing wind farms in Nowy Staw.

LECH is one of Kompania Piwowarska's leading brands, which has been implementing pro-environmental solutions across different areas of its activity and inspiring its consumers to carry out more eco-activities.

Powering Kompania Piwowarska's breweries with wind energy significantly reduced the negative impact of our activity on the natural environment. "Thanks to the agreement with RWE, we have lowered CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from our breweries by 66% compared to 2019, which constitutes a milestone in the execution of our environmental goals specified in the Better Future 2030 strategy, which includes becoming carbon neutral across our breweries by the end of this decade. At the same time, our cooperation with RWE illustrates how we implement the overarching purpose of our company: creating meaningful connections. These are business partnerships based on similar goals and values, bringing benefits not only to the business, but also to the planet and community," says Igor Tikhonov, CEO of Kompania Piwowarska.

Poland is one of RWE's focus renewables markets in Europe. The company already operates Polish onshore wind farms with a capacity of more than 470 megawatts. Construction of the Żnin project (48 MW) is underway. In addition, RWE is diversifying its renewables portfolio in Poland by investing in solar farm projects and has strengthened its business with the acquisition of 3 gigawatts solar pipeline in 2022.



"With this investment, we support Polish industry and Polish companies in their energy transformation towards green energy sources. Commissioning our LECH Nowy Staw III wind farm is a testament not only to the good cooperation between both entities implementing this project, but also to the dynamic development of wind energy used within Polish industry. We are happy to be part of such a transition, providing Kompania Piwowarska with first-class, highly efficient solutions," says Wojciech Borkowski, responsible for project implementation at RWE Renewables Poland.

The installation completed at the beginning of this year was built under the PPA concluded in 2019 between Kompania Piwowarska and RWE. The first electricity from the new wind turbines has been supplied since February.

More information about the PPA solutions from RWE: www.rwe.com/ppa

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## RWE

RWE is leading the way to a green energy world. With an extensive investment and growth strategy, the company will expand its powerful, green generation capacity to 50 gigawatts internationally by 2030. RWE is investing more than €50 billion gross for this purpose in this decade. The portfolio is based on offshore and onshore wind, solar, hydrogen, batteries, biomass and gas. RWE Supply & Trading provides tailored energy solutions for large customers. RWE has locations in the attractive markets of Europe, North America and the Asia-Pacific region. The company is responsibly phasing out nuclear energy and coal. Government—mandated phaseout roadmaps have been defined for both of these energy sources. RWE employs around 19,000 people worldwide and has a clear target: to get to net zero by 2040. On its way there, the company has set itself ambitious targets for all activities that cause greenhouse gas emissions. The Science Based Targets initiative has confirmed that these emission reduction targets are in line with the Paris Agreement. Very much in the spirit of the company's purpose: Our energy for a sustainable life.

**Kompania Piwowarska** is the leader of the beer industry in Poland with a volume share of 33,5% (source: GUS, 2022), employing over 2,600 people. In its three breweries: Browar Dojlidy Białystok (1768), Lech Browary Wielkopolski (1895), Tyskie Browary Książęce (1629), the company brews Poles' favourite beers: Żubr, Tyskie, Lech, Książęce, Hardmade and Captain Jack. Kompania Piwowarska's offer also includes Czech beers: Pilsner Urquell and Kozel, Italy's Peroni Nastro Azzurro brand, non-alcoholic beers: Lech Free 0.0%, Tyskie 0.0%, Książęce 0.0%, Hardmade 0.0%, and a wide range of flavoured beers. Kompania Piwowarska continues to execute its sustainability goals specified in the Better Future 2030 strategy based on four pillars: Planet, People, Portfolio and Profit, by reducing its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, minimizing consumption of natural resources, using fully circular packaging, and recycling nearly 100% of waste generated during the production process, among other things. Kompania Piwowarska is a part of Asahi Europe & International, owned by Japan's Asahi Group – a brand with strong presence on the global market of beer, spirits and food products. More information: www.kp.pl, social media: https://www.facebook.com/kompaniapiwowarska, https://www.linkedin.com/company/kompania-piwowarska

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