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## Uniper Heyden 4 hard-coal-fired power plant to be shut down permanently

Uniper will permanently decommission the Heyden 4 hard coal-fired power plant in Petershagen near Minden on September 30, 2024. Uniper already made the decision to decommission the plant at the end of 2020. After the responsible grid operator TenneT did not notify the Federal Network Agency by the end of August 2023 of an extension of the existing determination of system relevance beyond September 2024, the decommissioning is now final.

**Holger Kreetz, COO Uniper SE, emphasizes:** "Our employees at the Heyden 4 power plant have been making an important contribution to security of supply in northern and western Germany since 1987. Electricity has been generated at the site itself since 1951. The now final decommissioning in autumn 2024 is a consistent step both for the Federal Republic of Germany's exit from coal-fired power generation and in the context of the transformation of Uniper's portfolio. Uniper will phase out coal-fired power generation by 2029 - eight years earlier than previously planned. By 2030, we aim to have a European power generation portfolio totaling 15-20 GW."

The Heyden 4 power plant had already ceased commercial operation after being awarded a contract in the first tender to reduce coal-fired power generation on December 28, 2020, but returned to the market from the grid reserve on August 29, 2022, on the basis of the EKBG ("Ersatzkraftwerkebereithaltungsgesetz") passed by the German government and the associated ordinance. This ordinance allowed the plant to return to the market until March 31, 2024. After the end of the market return, the plant will still be available to the system operator as a grid reserve power plant until 30.09.2024. The power plant has a net capacity of 875 MW and currently employs 95 people with related training. Uniper is developing a master plan for the site, in close consultation with the town of Petershagen, in order to continue creating jobs in the future.

### About Uniper

Düsseldorf-based Uniper is an international energy company with activities in more than 40 countries. The company and its roughly 7,000 employees make an important contribution to supply security in Europe, particularly in its core markets of Germany, the United Kingdom, Sweden, and the Netherlands.

Uniper's operations encompass power generation in Europe, global energy trading, and a broad gas portfolio. Uniper procures gas—including liquefied natural gas (LNG)—and other energy sources on global markets. The company owns and operates gas storage facilities with a total capacity of more than 7 billion cubic meters.

Uniper intends to be completely carbon-neutral by 2040. Uniper aims for its installed power generating capacity to be more than 80% zero-carbon by 2030. To achieve this, the company is transforming its power plants and facilities and investing in flexible, dispatchable power generating units. Uniper is already one of Europe's largest operators of hydropower plants and is helping further expand solar and wind power, which are essential for a more sustainable and secure future. The company is

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progressively expanding its gas portfolio to include green gases like hydrogen and biomethane and aims to convert to these gases over the long term.

Uniper is a reliable partner for communities, municipal utilities, and industrial enterprises for planning and implementing innovative, lower-carbon solutions on their decarbonization journey. Uniper is a hydrogen pioneer, is active worldwide along the entire hydrogen value chain, and is conducting projects to make hydrogen a mainstay of the energy supply.

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