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Energie 360° acquires a stake in GOFAST

Energie 360° is investing in the establishment of an infrastructure for high-performance fast chargers for electric cars throughout Switzerland. Towards this end, they have taken a stake in GOTthard FASTcharge Ltd (GOFAST), which has set this goal for itself. They are thereby establishing the requirements for environmentally-friendly and carefree electromobility.

Electromobility will grow rapidly in the coming years and decades. For many potential electric car drivers a sufficient public charging infrastructure is still lacking. Energie 360° and GOTthard FASTcharge Ltd (GOFAST) are committed to this. GOFAST intends to install and operate “super chargers for everyone”. Towards this end, GOFAST is providing a high-performance charging infrastructure for all charging standards along motorways and the main traffic routes. The strategic stake by Energie 360° enables GOFAST to establish this charging infrastructure throughout Switzerland.

As a new partner, Energie 360° is committed to a sensible energy future in Switzerland and provides financial resources and experience to promote the building of a charging network throughout Switzerland with high-performance stations. Rainer Schöne, Product Management department head, explains: “Electromobility will only be able to grow with a charging infrastructure able to meet demand. We are committed to this. With GOFAST we have found pioneers in electromobility who share our convictions.”

The participation of Energie 360° complements the shareholder base of the founding shareholders Protoscar and EVTEC. Protoscar, headquartered in Ticino, contributes 30 years of pioneer work in electric cars. The engineers at EVTEC AG in Lucerne, developers of fast charging stations, guarantee the latest technology and great user-friendliness.

High charging performance for rapid recharging

With charging capacities ranging up to 150 kW, depending on the type of vehicle, up to 100 km of additional range can be recharged in just 10 minutes – with 100% renewable energy. The innovative GOFAST charging technique was developed entirely in Switzerland and is produced in Lucerne. The first GOFAST location has been in operation since August 2016 on

the A2 in Stalvedro in Canton Ticino. A dozen additional locations will be built by the end of the year. A total of around 50 GOFAST locations are planned over the next few years. GOFAST is interested in cooperating with strategically well-situated location partners to encourage a rapid expansion of the charging network.

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Photo caption: Rainer Schöne (r) and Marco Piffaretti (l) are moving ahead together in electromobility with high-performance charging stations.

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About Energie 360°

Energie 360°, with around 220 employees, is committed to the forward-oriented use of energy. With environmentally-friendly energy sources, tailored energy services and smart innovations, we work with our customers to develop concrete steps on the way to a sensible energy future. Energie 360° is owned by the government of the city of Zurich.

About GOFAST

The Swiss start-up was founded in 2016 and primarily differentiates itself from all other providers and operators of charging infrastructures through its focus on the high-performance rapid charging of electric cars. To also improve cross-border, international mobility to benefit drivers of electric vehicles, at the beginning of the year, GOFAST founded the Open Fast Charging Alliance, along with Fastned (NL), Sodetrel/EDF (F), Smatrics (A) and Grønn Kontakt (N), which facilitates direct roaming with the various access and payment systems.

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