

PRESS RELEASE

27 biogas plants installed in the Czech Republic and Slovakia
EnviTec Biogas celebrates its tenth anniversary in the Czech Republic

Lohne, 06 September 2016 – These results speak for themselves: EnviTec Biogas has built 27 biogas plants in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Nearly 80% of these are managed on-site by a total of 16 local colleagues. With the founding of the sales office EnviTec Biogas Central Europe s.r.o. in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, the biogas all-rounder from Lower Saxony has now been successfully active on the East European biogas plant market for ten years.

“Until 2014, green energy and German expertise were a perfect combination in the Czech biogas plant market”, says EnviTec chairman Olaf von Lehmden in retrospect. The government subsidy programme created a positive investment climate for biogas plant builders and customers starting in 2006. Yet after reaching the objectives set by the government, the once booming country for biogas plant construction adjusted its legislation and cancelled the support.

“But that was no cause for us to put our head in the sand”, assures Hendrik van der Tol, Managing Director of EnviTec Biogas Central Europe s.r.o. “The majority of our plant customers rely on our competence as a service partner”. Technical and biological services are in particularly high demand, continues the managing director. A total of seven service technicians and one biologist are on call and available 24 hours a day and seven days a week and make a good impression in comparison with the competition of small local providers, who usually only offer services and can claim no practical experiences in plant construction. Furthermore, the original spare parts kept in stock locally allow for prompt repair work and low plant downtimes.

The know-how of EnviTec service experts has also been successfully accepted by external customers as well. In addition to the eight service employees at the EnviTec-owned sales office in Velké Meziříčí, five additional EnviTec professionals make sure that the services offered are provided promptly and to the fullest possible satisfaction of the customer. EnviTec has thus proved its reliability and its high quality standards now for a decade. “While most plant builders have withdrawn from the market, we're scoring with our sustainability”, continues van der Tol.

Despite market stagnation and the withdrawal of many competitors, the EnviTec Management Board is optimistic. After all, green energy and agriculture are two of the most stable factors in the growth of the global economy, “and the green energy source biogas is a combination of both of them”.

According to Czech Biogas Association (CZBA), there are currently about 507 plants in Czech Republic with a rated electrical output of 358 MW (as of 31/12/2015). So far in Czech Republic, biogas is mainly used for electricity generation. The upgrading of biomethane and supply to the natural gas grid is also another futuristic trend because there are no supply regulations.

About EnviTec Biogas AG

EnviTec Biogas AG covers the entire value chain for the production of biogas, including the planning and turnkey construction of biogas plants and biogas upgrading plants as well as their commissioning. The company takes charge of biological and technical services on demand and also offers full plant and operational management. In addition, EnviTec also operates its own biogas plants. In 2011, EnviTec Biogas along with EnviTec Energy GmbH & Co. KG and its 100% subsidiary EnviTec Stromkontor GmbH & Co. KG expanded its business operations into the direct marketing of upgraded biomethane as well as the marketing of green electricity and balancing energy. EnviTec Biogas AG currently has a presence in 17 countries. In 2015, EnviTec generated revenues of EUR 174.9 million and an EBIT of EUR 3.4 million. The EnviTec Group currently has about 370 employees. EnviTec Biogas has been listed on the Frankfurt stock exchange since July 2007.

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