

**For immediate release**

## **Information Event for Wind Farm Project on the Schwend Ridge – All Residents Invited!**

- **Koehler Renewable Energy is inviting all residents to its information event at the Erwin-Braun-Halle venue in Oberkirch on June 3rd, 2025**
- **The wind farm on the Schwend ridge is expected to deliver around 30,000 MWh of green power every year**

**Oberkirch, 05/26/2025** – Koehler Renewable Energy is hereby inviting all residents to its first information event for the planned wind farm on the Schwend ridge. This event will be taking place on Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 7:30 PM at the Erwin-Braun-Halle venue in Oberkirch (address: Querstraße 10, 77704 Oberkirch) and will offer not only extensive information regarding the wind farm, but also the opportunity to have in-person chats about everything having to do with the project and how it will contribute to the region's future.

### **The information event**

The event will focus on open dialog and comprehensive information. There will be various topic-specific booths where residents will be able to learn more about the project and about wind power freely and without a set schedule. In addition, experts will be attending to answer any questions that residents might have, including questions revolving around the corresponding technology, the approval process, and environmental and health aspects. In addition, the benefits for the region and the company will be transparently discussed. "With this event, we want to give everyone in Oberkirch and the surrounding area the opportunity to truly learn what this project is all about. Needless to say, direct and open dialog is a top priority for us, which is why the majority of our project team will be attending," underscores Nicolas Christoph, Corporate Director of the Wind Power, Solar, Hydro & Business Development Division at Koehler Renewable Energy.

### **The project: wind farm on the Schwend ridge**

The planned wind turbines on the Schwend ridge are expected to generate around 30,000 megawatt hour of green power every year, which corresponds to the power consumed by about 8,000 two-person households in Germany annually. This means that it will be possible to cover around 30 percent of the power required by the Koehler plant in Oberkirch with regionally produced renewable power in the future. Since both turbines will be connected directly to the plant, Koehler will not be getting any government grants or subsidies for the corresponding construction and operation as per current plans. The excellent wind speeds of considerably more than 6 m/s will be absolutely crucial for the project's cost-effectiveness, since these conditions will ensure a reliable and constant source of energy.

In addition to the long-term importance of this project with regard to job security at the plant in Oberkirch, the wind farm on the Schwend ridge should also boost the local economy. Companies from the region will be hired for planning, construction, and operation whenever possible, ensuring that a large part of the value created by the project will remain local, benefitting not only Oberkirch, but also other communities in the region.

For more information, please visit: [www.windpark-schwend.de](http://www.windpark-schwend.de)



*Figure: The wind farm on the Schwend ridge is expected to deliver around 30,000 megawatt hour of green power every year, corresponding to the power consumed annually by about 8,000 two-person households in Germany.*

*Source: Koehler Group*



### **2030 Sustainability Strategy**

*Expanding the use of wind turbines will make an important contribution to the company's sustainability strategy and the Koehler Promise of generating more energy from renewable sources with our own facilities than we need for our paper production operations by 2030 at the latest.*

### **About Koehler Renewable Energy**

Koehler Renewable Energy has been a subsidiary of the Koehler Group since 2012, with its headquarters in Oberkirch in Southwest Germany. The company is helping to shape the energy transition both in Germany and abroad in a sustainable manner. In collaboration with business partners, numerous projects in the fields of biomass cogeneration, onshore wind power, photovoltaics, and hydropower have already been implemented. There is also a focus on new energy technologies. The experts at Koehler Renewable Energy manage all stages of the value chain: acquisition, planning, development, and smooth long-term operation of installations.

The experienced team has already implemented projects worth a total of several hundred million euros with various partners, generating over 267,000 MWh of electricity in 2023 as well as over 26,000 MWh of heat and over 431,000 metric tons of steam. This means that Koehler Renewable Energy is making a significant contribution to the Koehler Group's sustainability strategy, with the aim of offsetting all the energy required for Koehler Paper's paper manufacturing operations with renewable energy generated from its own installations by no later than 2030. In addition, Koehler Renewable Energy wants to position itself as a full-service provider for industrial power and heat customers, as well as a supplier of energy system solutions based on renewable energy.

Find more information at: <https://www.koehlerrenewableenergy.com>

### **About the Koehler Group**

The Koehler Group was founded in 1807 and has been family-run from that moment to the present day. The group's core business activity lies in the development and production of high-quality specialty paper. This includes—among others—thermal paper, playing card board, beverage coasters, fine paper, carbonless paper, recycled paper, decor paper, wood pulp board, sublimation paper, and also innovative specialty paper for the packaging industry. In Germany, the Koehler Group employs around 2,500 people across five production sites, with three additional sites in the USA. The group operates internationally, with an export share of around 70% in 2023, and brings in an annual turnover of around 1.1 billion euros.

As an energy-intensive company, Koehler invests in renewable energy projects such as wind energy, hydropower, photovoltaics, and biomass with its Koehler Renewable Energy business unit. The Koehler

Group has set a goal of producing more energy from renewable sources by 2030 than is required for its paper production operations.

With its Koehler Innovative Solutions division, the Koehler Group is collaborating with start-ups to promote innovations in the core business segments “paper” and “renewable energy”.

Find more information at: <https://www.koehler.com>

**Your contact person:**

Alexander M. Stöckle

Koehler Group press contact

Phone: +49 7802 81-4749

E-mail: [alexander.stoeckle@koehler.com](mailto:alexander.stoeckle@koehler.com)

**Koehler Renewable Energy GmbH**

Hauptstraße 2-4 · D-77704 Oberkirch · Telefon +49 7802 81-0 · Fax +49 7802 81-4330 · [www.koehlerenergy.com](http://www.koehlerenergy.com)  
Bankverbindung: Deutsche Bank AG, Offenburg · BIC DEUTDE6F664 · IBAN DE57 6647 0035 0070 5111 00