



Press Release

Clean future: star becomes one of the first to promote combined AdBlue filling stations for cars and lorries

Investment in new AdBlue systems to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions now includes passenger cars

Elmshorn, 13 February 2018 – star is set to become one of the first petrol station brands in Germany to equip stations with AdBlue pumps for cars and lorries on a large scale. This is star's response to the increasing demand for the operating fluid, which is needed in the SCR catalytic converter of diesel vehicles in order to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions and meet the strict Euro 6d emission standard.

AdBlue pumps have already been in operation at a total of 17 locations in January 2018. Over the course of the year, some 20 more locations are projected to be upgraded with AdBlue filling stations. Continuous investment is also planned for 2019 and subsequent years.

The special feature of these systems is that they can be used to top up AdBlue in lorries and passenger cars, if permitted under local conditions. In contrast to lorries, the process for refilling cars has until now been complicated, requiring canisters or a trip to the workshop. The new AdBlue pumps feature dispensing points on both sides for lorries and cars, giving star customers a simple, convenient and direct way to refill their car with AdBlue.

Increased demand for AdBlue

Increasing numbers of diesel drivers are having to top up their AdBlue more often since adjustments made by vehicle manufacturers to the software in certain cars increase AdBlue consumption. The political pressure to minimise nitrogen oxide emissions is also increasing.

“The impractical process of topping up AdBlue by hand from bottles or canisters is no solution at all. These containers are also complicated, and make no sense from an environmental perspective”, explains Wieslaw



Milkiewicz, Managing Director and Press Officer of the petrol station brand star. “By introducing the AdBlue pumps, we want to support diesel drivers and promote the promising exhaust gas after-treatment process using AdBlue”.

Always in vanguard for alternative fuels

At star, alternative fuels are one of the most important areas of innovation. Actively promoting them and gaining extensive experience in their use is a central task for the petrol station brand. This is why it became the first company to install Tesla fast-charging stations and H2 stations at petrol stations. The first AdBlue filling station in the star network was put into operation back in 2012.

star – a strong brand from ORLEN Deutschland GmbH

star is the petrol station brand of ORLEN Deutschland GmbH, which has been operating more than 570 petrol stations in the northern half of Germany since 2003. The company, which is based in Elmshorn near Hamburg, is part of the Polish oil and energy group PKN ORLEN SA, which is the largest enterprise in Central Eastern Europe, with an annual turnover of EUR 18 billion in 2016.

PKN ORLEN is one of the leading players in the oil and energy market and the only Polish company included in the prestigious Fortune 500 list of the world's biggest companies.

PKN ORLEN operates a modern infrastructure capable of processing more than 30 million tons of different crude oils per year. With around 2700 petrol stations, the network is one of the largest in the entire region of Central and Eastern Europe.

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