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**Oliver Hermes joins NRW Minister-President Wüst for political talks in the Emirates**

Highlighting the importance of the UAE in dealing with global challenges

**Dubai.** Oliver Hermes, President and CEO of the Wilo Group, joined a delegation trip to the United Arab Emirates led by North Rhine-Westphalian Minister-President Hendrik Wüst. In a series of political discussions, Hermes successfully strengthened the long-term network of the multinational technology group in the country.

“The United Arab Emirates will continue to grow in importance as a partner for North Rhine-Westphalia, but also for Germany. The numerous discussions during the delegation trip have confirmed my opinion”, states Oliver Hermes. “The country also has the capabilities, the strength and the determination to play a leading role in shaping the answers to global megatrends, such as urbanisation, energy or water scarcity.” Wilo, in turn, can make a huge positive contribution in this area with its highly efficient and sustainable products, systems and solutions. “This is one of the reasons why we have recently significantly increased our presence in the Emirates”, Hermes continued.

On the first day of the delegation’s visit to the Emirates, Oliver Hermes participated in the Minister-President’s political discussions in Abu Dhabi. These included meetings with Dr. Sultan Al Jaber, Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and CEO of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), as well as Mariam Al-Mheiri, Chair of the International Affairs Office at the Presidential Court of the United Arab Emirates and Group CEO of the investment company 2PointZero.

On the second day, Hendrik Wüst and the high-ranking business representatives who accompanied him on his trip visited the Wilo plant in Dubai. During this visit, Wilo and the energy company MASDAR signed a cooperation agreement.



**Caption:** In conversation during the delegation’s visit to the Wilo plant in Dubai (from left): The Minister-President of North Rhine-Westphalia, Hendrik Wüst, Wilo CEO Oliver Hermes and Husain Al Meer, Director Global Offshore Wind & UK at Masdar. Image: State of North Rhine-Westphalia/Steffen Böttcher

**Caption:** During the delegation’s visit, Wilo and the energy company MASDAR signed a cooperation agreement (from left): Husain Al Meer, Director Global Offshore Wind & UK at Masdar, Hendrik Wüst, Minister-President of North Rhine-Westphalia, Jens Dallendörfer, Regional CEO of Wilo AMEA, and Oliver Hermes, President & CEO of the Wilo Group. Image: State of North Rhine-Westphalia/Steffen Böttcher

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