

aream Group Strengthens Project Development

Düsseldorf, 11. November 2021 – Dr. Thomas Berg joins the aream Group team with immediate effect. The doctor of law will be supporting the expansion of the project development, which has become a critical success factor across the entire renewable energy sector.

Renewable energy investments are now an indispensable part of the investment mix. "With the new German government, but also driven by global demand in the green power market, this area will have to deliver much more in the coming years", says Markus W. Voigt, CEO of aream Group. For investors, however, this also results in a shift: "The development of projects becomes the critical variable, where expertise and experience are increasingly important", says Voigt. "In this regard, we now have strengthened ourselves further with Dr. Berg."

After completing his studies, earning his doctorate and completing his legal clerkship in Bonn, Berg initially worked for a specialized law firm abroad before moving to Munich to work as a specialist in real estate law including real estate development. "I have already worked on several projects for aream during my time in Munich and am now pleased to be able to directly contribute this experience in the areas of renewable energies, compliance and financing to the team", says Thomas Berg.

Project development is one of the most challenging but also most profitable areas of renewable energy investments. "Therefore, project development is considered the supreme discipline in the real estate sector", says Voigt. "But this is even more true in a still young market: project development of infrastructure in the field of renewable energies." Because unlike for real estate, there is not yet an oversupply of experienced project developers as well as more and more large investors looking for such investments. This is also interesting in light of declining returns. For example, an investment into turnkey projects achieves a return between five and seven percent, but an investment into project development more than double.

In addition, there are not only existing rules and bureaucratic hurdles that have to be overcome. "Ideally, future developments are anticipated and countered appropriately", says Voigt. This requires a high level of expertise. The path from capital acquisition to completed investment requires experienced investment and asset management specialists who master the entire value creation process. "A few handfuls of specialists have emerged in recent years who can actually realize the business at every relevant stage", says Voigt. "The aream Group is one of them and is now expanding this expertise even further."

More information: <u>www.aream.de</u>.

About aream

The aream Group is a fully integrated investment and asset manager for institutional investors with a focus on sustainable infrastructure in the renewable energy sector, which includes wind and solar power, grids and storage technology. In this context, aream is represented along the entire value chain from project development to plant operation. With a transaction volume of more than EUR 1.5 billion, the company has been covering the entire spectrum of asset management services for over 15 years and ensures the commercial and technical optimization of the assets. In addition to classic project investments in clean



energy, aream also offers investment opportunities in climate-tech companies: directly or via private equity solutions. aream combines investment expertise with technical and commercial know-how and ensures sustainable performance with stable distributions, returns and value growth through a structured investment and risk management process.

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