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The electricity market and the power generation industry in Europe are still experiencing radical transformation: Corporate structures are changing. Renewables and conventional generation are having to grow together. The Paris Agreement raises further demands for climate protection. At the same time, an uncertain legal framework and a market situation burdened and inhibited by regulatory intervention impede the urgently required investments in our energy supply after 2020. Who should invest, and how, when the costs in conventional power generation are hardly covered even today? Even hydropower, the heart of the renewables, is negatively burdened by the market.

The situation is the same for the other renewables: Licensing procedures become more difficult and the market integration as also the tendering models restrict the scope for investments. How should renewables growth without decreasing financial and entrepreneurial scope? This raises the question of how individual companies and the power generation industry as a whole can position themselves to face the future.

At our VGB Congress in 2016, we wish to explore these topics under the motto of

**„New Horizons: Navigating the Power Industry in Times of Change“.**

We cordially invite you to join us for that exploration at our conference at the Congress Center Leipzig on 21 and 22 September 2016.

In the plenary session and in the technical sessions, we will address presentations on the key issues currently drawing attention. The presentations, focusing on

- Integration of Renewables,
- New Build Investments,
- Asset Optimisation & Environmental Protection and
- Commercial Optimisation

promise not only to serve as a stimulating basis for discussion, but also to provide orientation in the present and an impetus for the future. We are therefore greatly looking forward to your attendance at and contribution to the European conference of the power and heat generation industry, the VGB Congress 2016. Together with all those involved from industry, politics, administration and science, we look forward to welcoming you in Leipzig and joining you in discussing not only the future of the industry, but also the ways by which we will arrive there.