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Werra Plant

Severe Drought Conditions Affect Potash Production

The persistent severe drought in recent months has led to production being temporarily interrupted at some Werra plants. Their main disposal method is currently restricted due to the exceptionally low water level in the Werra river.

The Wintershall site was shut down this morning and will not be able to start production again until further notice. Production at the Hattorf site is still secured, but if the water level continues to remain low, the operations will also have to be shut down. Based on current forecasts, the Unterbreizbach site can continue to produce.

K+S is making every effort to increase production at the Werra Plant as soon as possible. Additional measures for wastewater disposal are currently being examined.

A [calendar](#) on the K+S website provides an overview of the current production status at the individual sites of Plant Werra.

About K+S

K+S considers itself a customer-focused, independent minerals company for the Agriculture, Industry, Consumers, and Communities segments and wants to grow the EBITDA to €3 billion by 2030. Our approximately 15,000 employees enable farmers to provide nutrition for the world, solutions that keep industries going, improve daily life for consumers and provide safety in the winter. We continually meet the growing demand for mineral products from production sites in Europe, North and South America as well as a worldwide sales network. We strive for sustainability because we are deeply committed to our responsibilities to people, the environment, the communities and the economy in the regions in which we operate. Learn more about K+S at www.k-plus-s.com.

About the Werra Plant

The K+S Kali GmbH Werra network of mines, with plants in Hattorf and Wintershall in Hesse as well as Unterbreizbach and Wintershall in Thuringia, is the largest of its kind at K+S Kali GmbH. Besides fertilizers, primary products for the technical and chemical industries for pharmaceutical, food- and feed-grade, for example, are also produced in the Werra potash sites.

Werra Plant employs close to 4,400 people, including 300 trainees. It is an important employer and training company in the tri-city area between Bad Hersfeld, Bad Salzungen and Eisenach. In addition to being a major contractor for local mid-sized companies, it is a significant tax payer in the region as well. This makes Plant Werra the key component for the economic and demographic development in the East Hessian and West Thuringian regions.

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