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Recognition of commitment to sustainability: Oekom Research awards Commerzbank prime status for the first time ever

For the first time ever, Commerzbank has moved up into the highest quality segment in the latest assessment by Oekom Research, a ratings agency in the area of sustainable investments that has been established on the market for more than 20 years: Germany's second-largest bank has been recognised for its commitment in the field of sustainability by being awarded prime status. The Bank's ranking puts it among the world's leading companies in the observance of ecological and social criteria in its corporate management.

"Being awarded a prime rating is confirmation that the Bank's CSR policies are on the right path," says Rüdiger Senft, Head of Corporate Responsibility at Commerzbank. "Prime status is a responsibility to consistently and continuously advocate that ecological and social principles are firmly anchored in our corporate management," adds Senft.

One positive impact on success of Commerzbank's prime rating was generated by the Bank's position on coal, which came into effect in 2016. The Bank's position on coal excludes the financing of new coal-fired power stations and coal-mining projects worldwide, and also the financing of mining operations with mountaintop removal. This position is indicative of the enhanced sustainability approach of the Bank in its core business.

Oekom Research also confirmed the high quality of Commerzbank's coordinated and interdependent measures, both in the field of operational environmental management and in the area of work/life balance.

Since September 2016, Commerzbank has been listed as the only German bank in the sustainability index STOXX® Global ESG Leaders. Therefore, in the estimation of STOXX®, it ranks among the leading group of 300 companies worldwide which stand out in comprehensive observance of environmental, social, and governance criteria (ESG), in their entrepreneurial activities. Other sustainability indices in which the Bank is represented are "ECPI Ethical EMU Equity" and "ECPI Ethical Euro Equity".

Information on the sustainability commitment of Commerzbank is to be found at www.sustainability.commerzbank.com.

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