

**Press Release**  
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### **Further development of the “DeepSea Mining Alliance” (DSMA)**

Germany as an industrial nation is highly dependent on the import of mineral or metal resources. Sources which have not been considered until now are the marine mineral resources, which in recent times are enjoying more and more increasing interests and which might provide in future a considerable contribution to the supply security on metal resources.

Backed up by the National Masterplan Maritime Technologies (NMMT) of the German government and corresponding activities the idea and the advantage of deep-sea mining gained more and more interests and supporters. Based on this development the DeepSea Mining Alliance association was founded. Major goals of the association are the preparation of commercial, technological and scientific projects on deep-sea mining as well as a better coordination of national and international activities on an environmentally friendly and sustainable exploration and exploitation of marine mineral resources. As a joint platform of the industry, its main objective is to support the coordinated representation of interests vis-à-vis politics, industry and society. The DSMA will cover the entire deep-sea mining value chain from a single source and will support deep-sea mining innovations based on R&D and JIP projects. The newly founded association will be open for international members.

In the meantime the DSMA comprises more than 20 members mainly from the industry. A number of further membership applications - including also international applicants - are announced.

Mr Leonhard Weixler from Bauer Maschinen was elected as President of the DSMA. Prof Peter E. Halbach, Free University of Berlin, was elected as Chairman of the advisory board.

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