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### Successful conclusion: VNG and CVC DIF seal partnership for sustainable growth of BALANCE

#### Competition authorities give go ahead: CVC DIF acquires 49% stake in BALANCE

**Leipzig, 1 August 2025.** VNG AG and CVC DIF have finalised their strategic partnership for the further development of BALANCE Erneuerbare Energien GmbH (BALANCE) with the successful closing of the share acquisition deal. The transaction, in which CVC DIF acquired 49% of the shares in BALANCE, has now been fully completed following approval by the responsible competition authorities. VNG AG will still be the majority shareholder at 51%, with BALANCE remaining a fully consolidated part of the VNG Group. The partnership was publicly announced in April 2025. Both parties have agreed to keep further details of the transaction confidential.

The share acquisition by CVC DIF, a leading international infrastructure investor, will systematically strengthen BALANCE's growth strategy. The aim is to further expand its position as one of the largest biogas platforms in Germany and to play an active role in shaping the transformation to a sustainable energy system.

"The closing of the transaction marks an important milestone in our Group strategy 'VNG 2030+'. In CVC DIF, we have gained a reliable partner that shares our values, our vision for a climate-neutral energy future and the role that biogas will play in this. Together, we will continue to grow BALANCE and further increase its competitiveness in the long term. In this way, as VNG we can also continue to make a significant contribution to the supply of decarbonised and renewable gases. Biogas remains a central component of our 'VNG 2030+' strategy, as this climate-friendly energy source – which is storable, weather-independent and flexible – is an essential building block in the transition to renewable energy," commented Ulf Heitmüller, CEO of VNG AG.

BALANCE currently operates more than 40 biogas facilities in northern and eastern Germany, making it one of the largest biogas plant operators in Germany. With an installed capacity of around 197 MW<sub>RTD</sub>, more than 180,000 households per year can be supplied with green energy.

#### About VNG

VNG is a group of over 20 companies active in the European energy industry with around 1,900 employees. Headquartered in Leipzig, the group is a gas importer and wholesaler as well as an operator of critical gas infrastructure in the areas of natural gas transport and storage, ensuring a secure energy supply in Germany.

With our commitment, projects and investments for the market ramp-up of renewable and decarbonised gases such as biogas and hydrogen, we are also creating new perspectives, actively driving change in the energy sector and strengthening our home region. Dependable, approachable and always moving. VNG – Energy. On the move. More at: [www.vng.de](https://www.vng.de)

#### About BALANCE

BALANCE is a leader in Germany in the operation and optimisation of biogas facilities. The company was founded in 2006 and currently operates more than 40 biogas facilities in northern and eastern Germany with a total rated thermal output of approx. 196 MW<sub>RTD</sub>. It supplies more than 180,000 households with climate-friendly energy. BALANCE is a subsidiary of Leipzig-based VNG AG. More information at: [www.balance-vng.de](https://www.balance-vng.de).