

## **Covid-19:**

### **wire & Tube and VALVE WORLD EXPO 2020 cancelled**

### **Next Edition of Trade Fairs to be held in their usual 2022 cycle**

**Düsseldorf, 30 October 2020. Following close consultation with both exhibitors and our partners Messe Düsseldorf has had to take the decision to cancel the VALVE WORLD EXPO and wire and Tube trade fairs which were scheduled for December on account of the current Covid-19 infection developments. The next events will be held in their usual in accordance with their cycle once again in Düsseldorf in 2022. The other events of Messe Düsseldorf planned for 2021 are not affected by this decision.**

“Due to the decision of the federal and state governments on October 28, 2020, trade fairs cannot be held until the end of November for the time being. This means that the last physical events of this year will not be held within our fairground here in Düsseldorf. Our hygiene and infection protection concept, which was received well by exhibitors and the focus on a European orientation of the trade fairs made the hope for a successful holding with the highest protection levels possible seem realistic for all parties involved until recently. Due to the increasingly critical pandemic situation in Germany and our European neighbouring countries, however, the situation had to be completely re-assessed. Against this backdrop and the currently high number of uncertainties on both the exhibitors’ and visitors’ part we have taken the decision to call off the trade fairs,” explains Wolfram Diener, President & CEO of Messe Düsseldorf GmbH.

The next editions of these two international No. 1 trade fairs for the wire, cable and tube industries, wire und Tube, will now be held in their traditional cycle in 2022. The same applies to the VALVE WORLD EXPO as the world’s biggest and most relevant trade fair for industrial fittings.

Diener goes on to say: “Exhibitors and visitors can continue gathering information on the latest news from the industry as well as trends and product innovations on our online platforms. With this in mind we are constantly developing our digital content.”

Diener stresses: "The decision taken today is an event and industry-specific decision that does not affect the other events planned by Messe Düsseldorf. Based on the current state of affairs these will be held. We are in close contact with the authorities and partners of the respective trade fairs which whom we will re-assess the situation to then decide responsibly."

Find current information and FAQs for exhibitors and visitors of wire, Tube and VALVE WORLD EXPO at:

[www.valveworldexpo.com](http://www.valveworldexpo.com)

[www.wire-tradefair.com](http://www.wire-tradefair.com)

[www.tube-tradefair.com](http://www.tube-tradefair.com)

#### **The Messe Düsseldorf Group**

With revenue of EUR 378.5 million in 2019, the Messe Düsseldorf Group has maintained its position as one of Germany's most successful trade fair companies. 29,222 exhibitors presented their products to 1.4 million trade visitors at events in Düsseldorf in 2019. Compared with previous events, this was an increase in the numbers of both exhibitors and visitors. Düsseldorf Exhibition Centre hosts around 40 trade fairs in five sectors of expertise: machinery, plants and equipment; the retail trade, trades and services; medicine and healthcare; lifestyle and beauty, and leisure. The trade fairs include 22 proprietary No. 1 events as well as, currently, 15 robust partner and guest events. Also, its subsidiary Düsseldorf Congress held over 1,000 conventions, corporate events, conferences and meetings in 2019, attracting around 374,000 delegates in all. In addition, the Messe Düsseldorf Group organises 75 proprietary events, joint events and contracted events in other countries and is one of the leading export platforms in the world. Proprietary events in Düsseldorf attracted around 73% international exhibitors and 37% international visitors in 2019. The group runs a global network of 77 foreign representatives for 141 countries, including 7 international subsidiaries.

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