

Media Release

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Henriette Wendt joins Axpo's Executive Board

Axpo Holding AG has appointed Henriette Wendt as its new Chief Operating Officer (COO), the Board of Directors announced today. She will serve on the company's Executive Board and take up her position by 1 August 2021.

As COO, Ms. Wendt will play an important role in the further strategic development of the Axpo Group on a national and international level. She will manage Axpo's Strategy & Transformation, Legal, HR and Communications & Public Affairs functions. The function of Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer will also report to the new COO, and therefore be represented at Executive Board level too.

A citizen of Denmark, Henriette Wendt joins Axpo from Microsoft Switzerland, where she was Chief Marketing & Operations Officer. Her previous roles were mostly in the telecom sector for, among others, Telia Company, Swisscom, and Motorola. As a member of the Executive Board of the Swedish Telia Company, she was in charge of its business in Lithuania, Estonia and Denmark, with sales volumes of CHF 1.5 billion. Throughout her career, Ms. Wendt has successfully led strategy and business units, as well as having responsibility for M&A and sustainability activities, while in the area of cultural transformation she has worked closely with HR, compliance and communication teams. She holds a Master's degree in Business Strategy from the International Business School ESSEC (Paris).

Christoph Brand, CEO of Axpo Holding AG, said: "I am very pleased that we were able to engage Henriette for this important task. She is an experienced strategy specialist with extensive know-how in the implementation of digital applications. She brings with her skills and experience that will be absolutely key for Axpo's strategic and cultural development in the upcoming years. Henriette is the ideal candidate for this task."

Henriette Wendt commented: "I take on this new challenge with energy and great pleasure. As I have been living in Switzerland for several years, I already know about Axpo and the special challenges posed by the energy transition and climate policy. The company is in an exciting period of change in which we can shape a great deal together. I'm particularly looking forward to that."

About Axpo:

Axpo is Switzerland's largest producer of renewable energy and an international leader in energy trading and the marketing of solar and wind power. 5,000 employees combine experience and expertise with a passion for innovation. Axpo develops innovative energy solutions for its customers based on state-of-the-art technologies in 40 countries in Europe, North America and Asia.

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