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## Press release

## FRIEDRICH VORWERK sets price range for planned IPO at €41 to €56 per share

- Primary offering of 2.0 million shares to accelerate growth in the hydrogen market
- Secondary offering by current shareholders of 6.0 million shares and additional 1.2 million shares to cover a potential over-allotment
- Free float of up to 46.0% after the IPO
- Offer period is expected to commence today and end on or around 23 March 2021
- First day of trading on the Regulated Market of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (Prime Standard) is expected to be on or around 25 March 2021

Tostedt, 15 March 2021– FRIEDRICH VORWERK Group SE, a leading provider of energy transportation and transformation infrastructure for the gas, electricity and hydrogen markets ("FRIEDRICH VORWERK" or the "Company"), has set the price range for its planned initial public offering (the "Offering") at  $\leq$ 41.00 to  $\leq$ 56.00 per share. The final offer price will be determined by way of a bookbuilding process. The Offering comprises 2.0 million new shares from a capital increase and 6.0 million secondary shares from the current shareholders MBB SE and ALX Beteiligungsgesellschaft mbH as well as 1.2 million secondary shares provided by the current shareholders to cover a potential over-allotment. The lock-up period will be 180 days for the Company and 365 days for selling shareholders. Free float after the IPO will be up to 46.0%, subject to full exercise of the greenshoe option. FRIEDRICH VORWERK will remain an owner-managed business with CEO Torben Kleinfeldt retaining a significant stake in the Company.

FRIEDRICH VORWERK plans to expand its business considerably over the next years, especially in the hydrogen and electricity markets. The expected primary gross proceeds of the Offering of €97 million at the mid-point of the price range will therefore be used towards developing solutions for the large-scale production, transportation and storage of hydrogen. As at 31 December 2020, 7 % or €21 million of the Company's order backlog was already attributable to the Clean Hydrogen segment. Additionally, the Company sees large potential in a further international expansion and in M&A to accelerate its organic growth plans. FRIEDRICH VORWERK has a long and successful M&A track-record with the last acquisition announced just two weeks ago.

The Offering is subject to approval of the prospectus by the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin). Upon approval, the prospectus will be published in the Investor Relations section of the Company's website www.friedrich-vorwerk.de. The period during which investors may submit purchase orders is expected to commence on 15 March 2021, following publication of the prospectus, and to expire on or around 23 March 2021. Trading of the Company's shares on the regulated market (Prime Standard) of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange is expected to commence on or around 25 March 2021 under the trading symbol "VH2" and the ISIN DE000A255F11.

Berenberg and Jefferies act as joint global coordinators in the transaction and Hauck & Aufhäuser as joint bookrunner.



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