

News Release

Good coverage in sight: Vantage Towers builds Germany's first funded mobile communications mast in Möhnese

- First cell tower from MIG funding program stands in Möhnese
- Construction in record time: less than a year for planning and implementation
- Network coverage for around 60 households and a large leisure park

Düsseldorf/Möhnese (Germany), November 23, 2023 - Vantage Towers, a leading tower company in Europe, today celebrated the inauguration of Germany's first cell tower funded by the German Mobile Communications Infrastructure Agency (MIG).

With the 30-metre-high steel lattice mast, Vantage Towers is closing a "white spot" in Möhnese, North Rhine-Westphalia, thus enabling broadband mobile communications in the region for the first time. The tower is designed in such a way that it can be used by all mobile network operators. Vantage Towers has already concluded a contract with Deutsche Telekom for the use of the cell tower. Once operational, it will provide around 60 households and a large leisure park with high-performance mobile communications.

Vantage Towers received the funding notice for the mast in Möhnese in November last year and completed the construction in record time. By way of comparison, the planning and implementation of a mobile communications site in Germany currently often takes over two years. In Möhnese, the rapid realization of the project was made possible by the excellent cooperation with MIG, the mobile communications coordinator of the district of Soest and the municipality of Möhnese, which issued the building permit within three months.

Mona Neubaur, Minister of Economic Affairs responsible for Digital Infrastructure and Deputy Prime Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia: "The development of mobile communications in North Rhine-Westphalia continues to make progress. With the construction of Germany's first funded mobile communications mast by the mobile communications infrastructure company in Möhnese, we are closing one of the biggest gaps in our state's coverage and can thus noticeably improve mobile communications coverage in the region. This is good news for the people and companies in South Westphalia. The state of North Rhine-Westphalia offers the best framework conditions for rapid mobile network expansion: the mobile network coordinators funded by the state are accelerating the expansion in a very tangible way. In addition, almost all new mobile phone masts in North Rhine-Westphalia can be erected without planning permission from 2024. This makes NRW a pioneer in Germany. The mobile network operators now have a responsibility to quickly close the remaining white and grey spots. Because every dead spot is one too many."

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Christian Hillabrant, CEO of Vantage Towers: "The MIG's mobile communications support program is an important building block in closing the last remaining 'white spots' in Germany and thus forms the basis for the future viability of our business location. With the first nationally funded mobile communications mast in Möhnese, we have shown that infrastructure expansion in Germany can succeed in record time if all players pull together."

Philipp Bußmann, Mobile communications coordinator for the district of Soest: "Our task in this project was to bring together all the parties involved, from the funding body to the operator and the landowner. That worked out wonderfully and I am very pleased that the construction of the funded mobile phone mast here in Möhnese-Neuhaus is a further step towards comprehensive mobile phone coverage in the Soest district. The largest 'white spot' in our region will be closed and I am sure that not only the local residents, but also many hikers and mountain bikers will be pleased that they will have mobile internet on their tours through the Arnsberg Forest Nature Park in future."

As part of the MIG funding program, Vantage Towers will erect another cell tower next year in Lind, Rhineland-Palatinate, for which the company was awarded the contract in January 2023. The federal government's mobile communications funding program will support the construction of the mast and its operation for a period of seven years. The funding will make the site more attractive for use. Once the funded mast has been completed, the mobile network operators install their antennas at fixed conditions, which are generally more favorable due to the subsidy for the so-called passive infrastructure, in order to close the "white spot".

Further information on mobile communications funding is available at www.netzda-mig.de.

About Vantage Towers

Vantage Towers is a leading tower company in Europe with more than 84,000 sites in ten countries, connecting people, businesses and devices in cities and rural areas. The company was founded in 2020 and is headquartered in Düsseldorf.

Vantage Towers' portfolio includes towers, masts, rooftop sites, distributed antenna systems (DAS) and small cells. By building, operating and leasing this infrastructure to MNOs or other network providers such as IoT companies or utilities, Vantage Towers is making a significant contribution to a better-connected Europe.

While already 100% of the grid electricity that Vantage Towers uses to operate its infrastructure is obtained from renewable energy sources, green energy generation is piloted directly on site with the help of solar panels and micro wind turbines, and also hydrogen solutions are under testing. This fits well into the overall strategy of the company to drive a sustainable digitalisation in Europe and to support partners through technological innovation in decarbonisation and achieving their climate goals.

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