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Emerald Horizon Focused on Growth – Planned stock market listing as an Accelerator for the European Energy Transition

Graz, May 19, 2026 – The Styrian deep-tech company Emerald Horizon is preparing for a significant milestone: its listing on the Vienna Stock Exchange. In the current podcast episode of "Energy. Everywhere.", MMag. Philipp Pölzl, Co-Founder and Vice President Operations, provides exclusive insights into the motivations, strategic direction, and vision behind this step.

Geopolitical Dynamics Accelerate 10-Year Plan

Originally intended as a ten-year plan when the company was founded in 2019, the decision for the Listing was significantly moved forward. Pölzl cites three central reasons for this:

- Geopolitical developments: The current energy crisis and global conflicts have underscored the urgent need for energy independence.
- Internal progress: The development of the company's proprietary storage technologies and energy generators proceeded faster than anticipated.
- Market momentum: Enormous political interest in Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) and innovative storage—underscored by funding commitments from the EU Commission—provides an ideal window of opportunity.

Commitment to Location: Austria as a Starting Point for Europe

Despite the advantages of international financial centers like those in the USA, Emerald Horizon deliberately chose the Vienna Stock Exchange.

"We want to show that it is possible to grow an innovative company from here and become an Austrian success story," says Pölzl.

Nevertheless, internationalization remains a core focus: a US subsidiary is already exploring the market, and a later secondary listing in the USA is part of the long-term strategy to reach global capital providers.

“Energy-as-a-Service” Requires Capital

The Listing primarily serves to finance the company's capital-intensive business model. Emerald Horizon utilizes contracting, where customers make no upfront investments but instead pay monthly for the energy they receive.

- Investment security: Because the technology risk remains with the company, the research, development, and pre-financing of the plants must be secured through increased growth capital.
- Transparency as an advantage: The Listing enhances the company's reputation and improves governance structures, facilitating access to strategic partnerships and additional investors.

A Marathon, Not a Sprint

MMag. Pölzl emphasizes that the day of the Listing—symbolized by the ringing of the bell—is not a conclusion, but the actual starting signal for work as a listed company. Alongside partners like the Dutch VDL Group and academic support from TU Graz, Emerald Horizon aims to sustainably reduce Europe's dependence on energy imports from China, Russia, and the USA.

Link to Podcast:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCtocJBKQkM&t=1242s

Further insights are available on the Emerald Horizon YouTube channel.

ABOUT EMERALD HORIZON

Emerald Horizon develops innovative ways for CO2-free energy generation and storage. The goal is a baseload-capable and decentralized energy supply through novel technologies such as Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) and highly efficient storage systems.

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