

Press release

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REORGANIZED AT THE RAG-STIFTUNG

- **Board of Trustees of the RAG-Stiftung elects Armin Laschet as its new Chairman**
- **Thomas Kufen and Dr Andreas Reichel reappointed as members of the Board of Trustees**
- **Annemarie Lütkes and Reiner Priggen become new members of the Board of Trustees**

Berlin/Essen, 28 November 2022. The Board of Trustees of the RAG-Stiftung, which has five ex officio members and eight additional members, met today in Berlin and elected Armin Laschet, 61, as its Chairman from among the additional trustees in accordance with the foundation's statutes. Michael Vassiliadis, 58, remains Deputy Chairman.

Prior to today's meeting of the Board of Trustees, Thomas Kufen, 49, and Dr Andreas Reichel, 61, were each reappointed as members of the Board of Trustees for a further five years. In addition, Annemarie Lütkes, 74, and Reiner Priggen, 69, joined the foundation's Board of Trustees as new members. Their appointment was also for a period of five years.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank the previous Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr Jürgen Großmann, 70, who chaired the Board for ten years, for his excellent work. His term of office was marked, among other things, by the socially acceptable phase-out of the German hard coal mining industry in December 2018. Concurrently with the end of the mining operations, the RAG-Stiftung took over the financing of the perpetual obligations for the first time.

Dr Großmann's successor, Armin Laschet, was already an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees from June 2017 to October 2021 as Premier of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia and has again belonged to the Board of Trustees as one of its additional members since April 2022. As a result, he is very familiar with foundation-related topics.

About the Board of Trustees of the RAG-Stiftung

In accordance with the statutes, the Board of Trustees of the RAG-Stiftung consists of five ex officio members as well as eight additional members. The additional members are appointed by the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (four members), by the Federal Republic of Germany (two members), and by the State of Saarland and the IG BCE (one member each).

About the RAG-Stiftung

The RAG-Stiftung is a private foundation that was established in 2007. At the beginning of 2019, the RAG-Stiftung took over the responsibility for financing the perpetual obligations of the German hard coal mining industry along the Ruhr and Saar Rivers and in Ibbenbüren. In addition, the foundation supports numerous projects in the areas of education, science and culture in order to promote progress in the former mining regions. Further information on the RAG-Stiftung is available at: www.rag-stiftung.de

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