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Cancellation of the Internationale Handwerksmesse 2020

The organising company GHM Gesellschaft für Handwerksmessen mbH has decided to cancel the 2020 edition of the Internationale Handwerksmesse, including Handwerk & Design and Garten München. This decision was made in light of the spread of the Coronavirus/Covid-19 and the urgent recommendation of the Bavarian government's crisis team to cancel or postpone any large international trade shows until further notice. This also applies to the Internationale Handwerksmesse, which will take place again in 2021.

Munich, 3 March 2020 – The Internationale Handwerksmesse, scheduled to take place from 11 to 15 March 2020, has been cancelled. The German Confederation of Skilled Crafts (Zentralverband des Deutschen Handwerks, ZDH), Bayerischer Handwerkstag, and the Chamber of Crafts for Munich and Upper Bavaria (Handwerkskammer für München und Oberbayern), shareholder of GHM, trade show organiser, support the decision made by the Bavarian government's crisis team and are hereby prioritising the well-being of exhibitors and visitors. Dieter Dohr, Chairman of Board of Directors of the Gesellschaft für Handwerksmessen mbH, gave the following comment on the situation: "Due to the spread of the Coronavirus, the decision to cancel the Internationale Handwerksmesse, a major event with more than 1,000 exhibitors, over 100,000 expected visitors, and an accordingly high number of personal interactions, was unavoidable. We hope all trade fair participants understand this decision. The goal of the trade fair lies in enabling a wide range of in-person conversations to maintain and build business relationships. Under the current circumstances, we cannot achieve this goal without putting participants at risk." Exceptions to this cancellation due to force majeure include the supporting events on craft trade policy as well as the plenary assembly of the German Confederation of Skilled Crafts. The next Internationale Handwerksmesse along with Handwerk & Design and Garten München will take place from 10 to 14 March 2021.

About the Internationale Handwerksmesse

The Internationale Handwerksmesse is the leading trade fair for craft trades in Germany. It was established in 1949 and takes place every spring at the trade fair centre in Munich. Around 1,000 exhibitors from about 60 trades offer a comprehensive overview of the performance, quality, and innovative strength of the craft trade for private households, companies, and the public sector. The trade fair programme includes several competitive and special exhibitions during which craftspeople from numerous countries present current topics, new products, and outstanding work.

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