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Aalborg Portland expand supply of sustainable heating

On Thursday, June 4th 2020, a contract setting the framework for future cooperation between the local energy supplier, Aalborg Forsyning and Aalborg Portland was signed. The agreement means that district heating consumers can now look forward to even more surplus heat in the radiators.

More sustainable heating for customers and less CO₂ emissions to the environment. This is the result of negotiations between Aalborg Forsyning and Aalborg Portland on extended future cooperation.

Chairman of the Board of Aalborg Forsyning's energy companies Lasse P.N. Olsen states:

"It is a major and important piece of the green transition that has now fallen into place. Industrial surplus heat is a central part of Aalborg Forsyning's strategy for future district heating supply, and the agreement here means that the share of surplus heat from Aalborg Portland will increase from approx. 20% to about 28% in our total energy mix, which really makes a significant difference in our efforts to convert to green district heating," says the chairman, who is also pleased that the agreement with Aalborg Portland on the same occasion has been extended by 20 years.

Surplus heat in the green conversion

Aalborg Forsyning has a long tradition of utilizing surplus heat, not least thanks to its long-standing cooperation with Aalborg Portland, which, through their production, is able to supply very large quantities of surplus heat - heat that would otherwise be wasted if it wasn't redirected into the district heating pipes.

"Sustainability is an integral part of Aalborg Portland's strategy, and it is an added benefit that we can support the green transition in the city of Aalborg. Therefore, it makes great sense for us to continue to supply surplus heat to Aalborg Forsyning's heating customers. We are pleased that, on top of that, the new agreement contributes to meeting the need for heating for a significantly larger share of the consumers. But in fact, the possibilities are even greater, and we are looking forward to exploring this potential together with Aalborg Forsyning," says Michael Lundgaard Thomsen, Managing Director at Aalborg Portland A/S.

When Aalborg City Council in 2017 adopted the strategy for the green conversion of heat production, Aalborg Forsyning was also tasked with utilizing more surplus heat from Aalborg Municipality:

"Over the past few years, we have done a great job to also connect small surplus heat suppliers on the district heating network. For example, we have included a number of stores and companies to the list of suppliers, although Aalborg Portland continues to be by far the largest supplier of surplus heat - especially with the new agreement. Basically, we really like the idea of recycling the energy that has already been produced so that the energy does not have to be produced twice," says Jesper Høstgaard-Jensen, director of Aalborg Forsyning's energy companies.

Facts about collaboration with Aalborg Portland:

- The agreements with Aalborg Portland have been expanded and extended by 20 years. Since the beginning of the 1990s, Aalborg Portland has contributed with surplus heat to Aalborg Forsyning's district heating production.
- The annual CO₂ savings from the agreements are approx. 150,000 tons, as surplus heat is considered 100% renewable energy.
- With the supplementary agreements, Aalborg Portland's deliveries will constitute an increased share of Aalborg Forsyning's energy mix, as the share will increase from approx. 20% to approx. 28% of the purchased energy mix.
- The extra amount of surplus heat corresponds to the consumption of approx. 7,500 households.



After thorough hand cleaning, handshakes on the new agreement were given between Aalborg Portland and Aalborg Forsyning.