

Press release

## **VG Media and the national association of music event organisers BVMV conclude new agreements on the use of private TV and radio programmes**

Berlin, 9 January 2015. After years of negotiations, VG Media has concluded a comprehensive and long-term overall agreement with Germany's national association of music event organisers BVMV and the German hotel and restaurant association DEHOGA regarding use of the copyrights and ancillary copyrights for private TV and radio programmes in the form of their broadcasting and public playback in hotels, lodging establishments and similar facilities. VG Media is adopting the settlement proposal put forward by the Arbitration Board of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA), even though this results in a reduction in the existing tariff. The new overall agreement, which replaces the interim agreement in force until now, affords BVMV and DEHOGA members the conditions of an overall agreement and also legal certainty up to the end of 2019.

Similarly, the many years of intensive negotiations have resulted in an interim overall agreement being concluded by and between VG Media and BVMV/DEHOGA regarding payment for the public playback of copyrighted works in shows broadcast by private TV and radio stations. In accordance with the German Copyright Act (UrhG), the broadcasting companies are legally entitled to appropriate remuneration for the public and commercial use of the rights transferred to them. VG Media was contracted to exercise the rights assigned to the broadcasting companies. The remuneration will be collected as a supplement to the relevant tariffs of Germany's performance rights organisation GEMA. GEMA will also see to VG Media's invoicing. This gives the users all the rights they need in order to broadcast and publicly play programmes from a single source.

For more information (in German only), go to the VG Media website at:

<https://www.vg-media.de/de/wiedergabe-von-funksendungen/fragen-und-antworten.html>

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