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## AQ Compute cooperates with CleanHub to actively reduce plastic waste

- The collaboration aims at the reduction and collection of ocean-bound plastic waste as well as the promotion of a circular economy.
- AQ Compute sponsored a CleanHub beach clean-up in Indonesia on June 8, World Oceans Day.

Hamburg / Berlin, 10 June 2024 – **AQ Compute has entered into a cooperation with Berlin-based start-up CleanHub to support the mitigation of plastic and promote a circular economy. The European colocation data center provider committed to avoiding 4,300 kg of plastic waste from entering the oceans this year – the equivalent of 430,000 plastic bottles – through collection on beaches. The collected waste is weighed and recorded using track-and-trace technology and is taken to a Material Recovery Facility. Moreover, AQ Compute pledged to collect an additional kilogramme of ocean-bound plastic for every newsletter subscription it receives. The cooperation also creates sustainable and decent jobs with fair wages in the global south through waste collection. To mark the launch of this collaboration, AQ Compute sponsored a clean-up of a beach in Ambon, Indonesia, organised by CleanHub on World Oceans Day on June 8. This has a direct impact on the environment since coastlines are cleaned-up, plastic is prevented from entering the ocean and additional income for local communities is provided.**

AQ Compute is pursuing the goal of making the life cycle of data centers in Europe more sustainable. To this end, the company is aiming at a low carbon footprint design, utilizing clean energy and heat reuse in its data centers.

### **Creating easy access to waste management**

At CleanHubs in India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Tanzania, teams intercept waste before it reaches the ocean by collecting it directly from households as well as waterways. After the waste has been collected, it is sorted into different categories so each material can be disposed of correctly. Recyclable plastic is sold to local recyclers, non-recyclable plastic is processed in the most environmentally friendly way available, avoiding open dumping and burning.

*“By collaborating with CleanHub, we are not only supporting the reduction of the environmental impact of plastic pollution, but also driving positive change in communities around the world”,* says **Henry Daunert, CEO of AQ Compute.**

*“AQ Compute is setting an outstanding example of a company prioritizing our planet. We are proud to be partnering with AQ Compute to get one step closer to a world free from plastic pollution. Together, we are set to create an even bigger impact to coastal communities around the world”,* says **Joel Tasche, CEO of CleanHub.**

The progress of the plastic collection can be tracked in real time via the online impact report: <https://www.cleanhub.com/impact-report/aq-compute>

### **About AQ Compute**

AQ Compute's mission is to be an enabler of IT decarbonization for their customers, shaking up the data center sector by building sustainable state of the art AI-ready data centers. The higher goal is to protect the planet by taking action with their commitment towards green data centers. AQ Compute aims to provide data center and colocation services around Europe powered by renewable energy sources. It pursues a pan-European data center strategy and anticipates an ever-increasing demand for computing capacity with a strong focus on sustainability. Client data is hosted on sustainable infrastructure, which includes sustainable building materials and power supplies, and methods to recover excess heat. Besides having ecological benefits, AQ Compute's approach has economic advantages for its clients. AQ Compute is a subsidiary of Aquila Group, an investment and asset development company headquartered in Hamburg, Germany, which is focused on generating and managing essential assets on behalf of its clients.

For more information: [www.aq-compute.com](http://www.aq-compute.com)

### **About CleanHub**

Founded in 2020, CleanHub is a Berlin-based company that provides a scalable solution to plastic pollution. They connect coastal communities to proper waste collection where it didn't exist before and create safe and dignified jobs in local communities. Brands can support the mission by funding the collection of waste that otherwise wouldn't be collected. CleanHub's AI technology tracks the entire process from collection to disposal, ensuring transparency. It's verified by TUV SUD, according to ISO standards. For more information, visit [www.cleanhub.com](http://www.cleanhub.com).

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