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Membership application for the association for environmentally sound energy VUE

- **Applicants for membership** must fully complete and sign the application form.
- Legal basis for membership are the **statues of the association VUE** Fees apply according the scale of fees of 26 June 2019.
- Full members of VUE are approved for certification of **their energy production or energy supply** with the quality label naturemade star, naturemade basic or naturemade resource star quality

Company

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip code, city _____

Phone _____

Contact person

Name: _____

Position: _____

Phone (direct): _____

E-Mail: _____

Categories

According to the statues of the association. Basis for decision to allocate category A or C: Does production or supply contribute more to turnover? See explanatory notes on the backside

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| Full member category A | Hydroelectric power producers and their as-sociations |
| Full member category B | New renewable energy producers and their associations |
| Full member category C | Energy suppliers, traders and their associations |
| Full member category D | Environmental organizations (CHF 1'000.-/ year excl. VAT) |
| Full member category E | Associations of small consumers (CHF 1'000.-/ year excl. VAT) |
| Full member category F | Major commercial customers and associations (CHF 1'000.-/ year excl. VAT) |
| Associate member | Associate member (CHF 500.-/ year excl. VAT) |

J Total annual energy sales/turnover

For category A, B and C membership fees applies to full amount of energy sales/turnover incl. naturemade certified energy. See explanatory notes on the backside

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| > 1'000 GWh/a | 8'000.-/ year (excl. VAT) |
| 501 - 1'000 GWh/a | 4'000.-/ year (excl. VAT) |
| 101 - 500 GWh/a | 2'000.-/ year (excl. VAT) |
| 5 - 100 GWh/a | 1'000.-/ year (excl. VAT) |
| < 5 GWh/a | Included in license fee |
| Full members of cat. A, B or C not holding any naturemade licence | 1'000.-/ year (excl. VAT) |

Place and date

Signature and stamp

Explanatory notes on the full membership categories

Full member category A

Hydro-electric power producers and their associations

This especially includes companies that make more than half of their turnover by selling electricity from own production to electricity traders or suppliers:

- a) *Hydroelectric power stations*
- b) *Partner power plants*
- c) *Independent small hydro-electric power plants*
- d) *Sewage plants (these also belong to category A because, by resolution of the Board of VUE, they must not be allocated to new renewables)*
- e) *Independent producers.*

Full member category B

New renewable energy producers and their associations

No further remarks.

Full member category C

Energy suppliers/traders and their associations

This especially includes companies that make more than half of their turnover through energy trading or selling energy to end consumers:

- a) *Energy suppliers*
- b) *Municipal energy suppliers*
- c) *Electricity traders.*

Companies can only be registered in one full membership category. In case of doubt, the Board of VUE decides on the category.

Explanatory notes: membership fee

The fee is based on total annual energy sales or turnover (by the company as a whole).

This means the total quantity of energy sold (by the company as a whole) within one year. It is irrelevant whether that energy is certified naturemade basic, naturemade star or otherwise. If the company as a whole applies for a naturemade license for only one energy system (e.g. electricity) then the respective amount only refers to this energy system. If the company as a whole applies for naturemade licenses for multiple energy systems (e.g. electricity and heat) then the amount refers to all respective energy systems.

The annual fee for full members of categories A, B or C which do not hold any naturemade licence is CHF 1000.

Licensees who join the VUE before September (treatment of membership application during the Board meeting in September) have to pay the full annual membership fee for the respective year. Memberships applications that are being accepted by the Board of the Forum later in the year (e.g. Board meeting in November) will for the first time being charged for in the following year.