



## Robert Bosch Venture Capital sells portfolio company Torqeedo

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**Leading manufacturer of electric drives for boats acquired by DEUTZ**

- ▶ Robert Bosch Venture Capital (RBVC) invested in Torqeedo in 2012
- ▶ Successful industrialisation of Torqeedo product portfolio supported by RBVC
- ▶ Investment helped Torqeedo in becoming leading manufacturer of E-Motors for boating industry

Stuttgart, Germany – Robert Bosch Venture Capital GmbH (RBVC), the corporate venture capital company of the Bosch Group, has sold its share in Torqeedo to DEUTZ AG, one of the world’s leading manufacturers of innovative drive systems. Torqeedo is the leading provider of electric drive systems for watercraft.

RBVC originally invested in Torqeedo in 2012. The investment at the time was the Series C Funding round led by Robert Bosch Venture Capital and WHEB Partners. “Since our investment in 2012, RBVC has played a key role for Torqeedo to become best in class regarding cost and product quality. Their products exhibit the highest efficiency in the market with unique performance and range records for all Torqeedo motor products”, says Ingo Ramesohl, Managing Director of RBVC.

Founded in 2005 in Starnberg, Bavaria, Torqeedo develops and manufactures electric and hybrid drives from 0.5 kW to 100 kW for leisure and commercial applications. Torqeedo’s products are characterized by an uncompromising focus on high-tech, maximum efficiency and complete system integration. The acquisition of Torqeedo will help DEUTZ AG to quickly adopt its business to E-Motors technology and to develop new products.

Start-ups interested in getting in contact with Robert Bosch Venture Capital can find more information at [www.rbvc.com](http://www.rbvc.com).

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