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### Aquila Capital awards first research prize on decarbonization

- Aquila Capital awards applicable solutions to combat climate change
- Aquila Capital Transformation Award is endowed with 20,000 Euro

**Hamburg, 10. June 2020** - Aquila Capital is introducing a research award for scientific research in the context of energy transformation and decarbonization in Europe, thereby expanding its contribution to a more sustainable society. The "Aquila Capital Transformation Award" will be presented for the first time this year and serves to support research for mitigating climate change.

Under the tagline "Accelerating Decarbonization in Europe", the award honours outstanding work by researchers who focus on applicable solutions to combat climate change in Europe. In addition to providing financial support for the research, the Aquila Capital Transformation Award is aimed at joining forces regarding practical application of the underlying researched concepts and solutions. The award will contribute to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals 7, 9 and 17.

Roman Rosslenbroich, Co-founder and CEO of Aquila Capital, comments: "With this research award we want to live up to our social responsibility and promote academic research. As a sustainable investment manager, our aim is to make an active contribution to the fight against climate change and to promote the European energy turnaround with our investments in renewable energies. With the Transformation Award we want to take our commitment to the next level".

The research award is aimed at young scientists worldwide who are currently at least enrolled as PhD students and whose work is directly related to the topics of sustainability, climate change and energy transformation. Research papers that have already been published can be submitted for the award until the 31st of August. An expert jury consisting of Prof. Hans-Joachim Schellnhuber, Director Emeritus at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Prof. Eicke R. Weber, former director of the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems ISE, and Prof. Yukari Takamura, professor at the University



of Tokyo at the Institute for Future Initiatives, as well as two employees from Aquila Capital, will select the award recipient. The prize winner is announced in autumn and the award ceremony, which features commemorative lectures by the recipients, is held at the end of the year. The research prize is endowed with 20,000 Euros and is awarded on a bi-annual basis.

Prof. Dr. Eicke R. Weber, a member of the jury for the research prize, says: "The Aquila Capital Transformation Award makes an important contribution to the promotion of excellent science to mitigate climate change. On the one hand, it promotes outstanding research ideas for a broader public and, on the other hand, it supports the transfer from academic excellence to practical application and the market".

Further information on the Aquila Capital Transformation Award and the application procedure can be found on: <https://www.aquila-capital.de/en/about-us/transformation-award>.

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Aquila Group is an experienced and long-term investor in essential, real asset investments. Founded in 2001 by Dr. Dieter Rentsch and Roman Rosslenbroich, the Group currently manages EUR 10.75 billion (AuM/AuA) for its clients worldwide (as at 31.12.2019). Last year Aquila entered into a strategic partnership with Daiwa Energy & Infrastructure.

The business centres on secular and sustainable trends in renewable energy, social housing, green logistics, infrastructure, timber and agriculture. Dedicated specialist investment teams with entrepreneurial mindsets draw on their sector networks and experience to screen, develop, finance, manage and operate investments along the entire value chain.

As this concept requires local management teams and a local presence, Aquila Capital is represented with 14 investment offices in 12 countries. Comprehensive operational capabilities, more than 300 employees at group level, intensive asset management and a passion for detail ensure asset and product performance as well as the timely deployment of capital.

Aquila Group believes in stringent corporate governance. With its two AIFMs in Luxembourg and Germany, it is subject to the highest European regulatory standards.

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