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**Photo Caption:** The Lanxess Arena in Cologne relies on a comprehensive, Artist-based communications network from Riedel to streamline its broadcast and event production workflows.

Expanded Riedel Intercoms Take to the Ice at Lanxess Arena

**WUPPERTAL, Germany** — **June 27, 2019** — The Lanxess Arena in Cologne, Germany, relies on a comprehensive, Artist-based communications network from Riedel to streamline its broadcast and event production workflows. As Germany’s largest multifunctional arena, with up to 20,000 seats and 83,700 square meters of usable space, the Lanxess Arena has been hosting major events of all kinds for over 20 years. Since the very beginning, the arena has also been the home of the eight-time German ice hockey champion Cologne Sharks.

After extensive testing, Arena Management GmbH chose a decentralized Riedel comms solution based on two Artist-32 digital matrix intercom nodes, with one Artist frame in the production control room and a second one in the central technical area below the arena. This two-frame strategy allowed technicians to access an existing network infrastructure beneath the facility to create required redundancies.

“Since its completion in 1998, the Lanxess Arena has been relying on Riedel comms. Now, this comprehensive intercom upgrade is a gift to ourselves for our 20th anniversary," said Martin Rebiszewski, Technical Manager, Arena Management GmbH. "In terms of reliability and flexibility, the products from our neighboring city of Wuppertal really are unmatched. And, with its unparalleled scalability, the Artist infrastructure is perfect for multifunctional halls with constantly changing requirements.”

Thanks to its modular structure, the Artist ecosystem can be easily expanded to match the specific conditions of various Lanxess Arena events. The ability to effortlessly integrate rented Riedel accessories, such as SmartPanels and Bolero wireless intercoms, has been particularly valuable for larger events and productions.

The Artist ecosystem with 23 2300-Series SmartPanels enables flexible and creative workflows for the Arena Management GmbH production team. At Cologne Sharks hockey games, the communications system not only connects production, camera, sound, and lighting staff, but also integrates referees, house announcers, and the DJ.

"Ice hockey allows for particularly spectacular staging, but it also imposes exacting demands on TV and event production. By enabling clear and reliable communications between all participants, the production team can now present the Cologne Sharks games in an even better light. With this Artist installation, the Lanxess Arena is prepared to overcome any production challenge," said Niklas Rautenberg, Account Manager at Riedel Communications. "We are very pleased to have renewed our long-term partnership with Arena Management GmbH and are already looking forward to the next ice hockey season."

Further information about Riedel and the company’s products is available at [www.riedel.net](http://www.riedel.net).

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Riedel Communications designs, manufactures, and distributes pioneering real-time video, audio, data, and communications networks for broadcast, pro audio, event, sports, theater, and security applications. The company also provides rental services for radio and intercom systems, event IT solutions, fiber backbones, and wireless signal transmission systems that scale easily for events of any size, anywhere in the world. Riedel is headquartered in Wuppertal, Germany, and employs over 600 people in 20 locations throughout Europe, Australia, Asia, and the Americas.

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