



Press release

Vötsch Industrietechnik marks inauguration

Completion of new production facilities / clear commitment to location

Balingen-Frommern, July 17, 2014: Just eight months after the start of construction, Vötsch Industrietechnik celebrated the opening of a new production hall in Balingen-Frommern this Thursday. Around 70 guests, including representatives from the town of Balingen and the district of Zollernalb as well as architects, technical planners and participating construction firms joined members of the Schunk company management team, the Vötsch executive board and numerous employees for the inauguration and a tour of the new building.

In addition to extending the location for future growth, the new project reflects the recent positive business developments experienced by the company. The new building goes hand in hand with the expansion of Vötsch Industrietechnik into the world's most modern center of expertise developing standard devices for environment simulation. In total, the company has invested approximately 6.5 million Euros in the location, which employs around 400 co-workers.

The new building features production areas and office space amounting to around 3,000 m², for which a highly-efficient, process-oriented production concept was developed.

"This investment allowed us to optimize our systems' production processes even further," explains Peter R. Manolopoulos, member of the Schunk Group management team and managing director of Vötsch Industrietechnik, commenting on the production hall, which is equipped with state-of-the-art production and building technology. "What's more, we aim to offer our employees attractive positions and an optimal, pleasant working environment."

Vötsch Industrietechnik collaborated with P2, a planning and consultancy company based in Gießen, on the project management for the new building. Balingen-based architecture firm Fahrner + Kölmel and local technical planners and contractors were entrusted with all further planning and construction.

In addition to the building's design, central elements of the planning included the conception and integration of a low-energy concept with highly-insulated building envelope, ventilation and



reduction of internal thermal loads. Fittingly, the building's state-of-the-art ventilation and cooling was planned and realized by Weiss Klimatechnik, another member of the Schunk Group.

The Schunk Group is an international technology group that employs some 8,150 people in 29 countries. The company offers a broad spectrum of products and services in the fields of carbon technology and ceramics, environment simulation and air conditioning technology, sintered metal technology and ultrasonic welding. The Schunk Group achieves a turnover of approximately 940 million Euros.

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