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Brüggemann Invests in Innovation and Growth

Chemistry specialist Brüggemann invests 32 million euros in Heilbronn headquarters – New construction with industry standard 4.0 – Expanded production facilities for tailor-made, highly specialized chemical products in key industries – Largest investment in company history

HEILBRONN – With the launch of two new production facilities, L. Brüggemann GmbH & Co. KG has bet on technological progress and expanded capacities at its headquarters in Heilbronn. The company's investment in the field of plastics additives is now visible from afar: At more than six stories totaling 30 meters in height, the new building provides additional space for the production of high-performance additives for polymers in powder and granulate form. With its almost completely digitalized processes, the modularly constructed, automated mixing, grinding, and pelleting operation sets new standards for networked technology. "The high level of automation in our new facilities not only permits significantly greater flexibility, but also ensures the highest standards for product safety, occupational safety, and traceability," explain Managing Directors Dr. Josef Berghofer and Joachim Hofmann.

Along with the new production facility for microgranulates, the latest process technology for the manufacture of sophisticated reducing agents is being launched: with a capacity of 5000 metric tons per year, Brüggemann is ideally equipped to supply its latest product innovations in this field, for example patented initiators for emulsion polymerization and antioxidants, in the quantities that customers expect. To provide especially energy-efficient drying, waste heat from the company's own Combined heat and power unit is fed into the system.

“Dust-free product forms with the highest dissolution speeds in water or exceptional dispersibility in polymer matrices – this will allow us to reliably serve additional markets,” say the Managing Directors.

In both new facilities, customers can make use of free production capacity for contract manufacturing.

Technological growth drivers

“These comprehensive investments at our headquarters in Heilbronn are important building blocks in our strategy for the future and ensure our continued organic growth and new areas of application. We supply the crucial connection around the world,” say Berghofer and Hofmann.

For the shareholder and Chairman, Ronald Ayles, these measures are part of comprehensive technical and ecological advances at Brüggemann. Ayles stresses, “With the largest investment of our more than 150-year company history, we are underscoring our ambitions for growth and our commitment to the Heilbronn site.”

L. Brüggemann GmbH & Co. KG, an independent family company headquartered in Heilbronn (Germany), offers tailor-made solutions in the areas of polymer additives, industrial chemicals and ethanol. With around 250 employees, Brüggemann specializes in the development and production of reducing agents on the basis of sulfur, zinc derivatives, AP-NYLON® Additives and high-performance additives for polyamides and polyester. Furthermore, Brüggemann is an innovative partner in the field of ethanol, for example in the pharmaceutical, chemical and cosmetic industries, as well as in the area of disinfectants. Founded in Heilbronn in 1868, Brüggemann now supplies customers in more than 60 countries. With subsidiaries in Lutherstadt Wittenberg, the USA and Hong Kong, the company has an annual turnover of around 150 million EUR.

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