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PRESS RELEASE

The WITTMANN Group – current situation

WITTMANN is looking ahead with optimism

In the second half of 2020, the WITTMANN Group has seen a more than positive development in its business in spite of the economic slowdown in the automotive sector and the restrictions due to COVID-19, and this trend is continuing in 2021. This development has paved the way for further investments.

The order intake of the WITTMANN Group has substantially increased, mainly from the second half of 2020 onwards, and reached a new record level in February 2021. An increase has been registered across all markets and sectors of industry. Michael Wittmann, Managing Director and CEO of the WITTMANN Group, states: “Based on the current order backlog and continuing very positive order situation, we are looking forward to a two-digit increase in sales for 2021. From today’s point of view, we expect to reach the figure of 2019 once more and maybe even exceed it.” In this connection, the availability of parts is a challenge, since the industrial production figures are experiencing a global upturn.

The Group’s staffing level of 2,200 associates is currently slightly above that of last year.

Since the end of January 2021, WITTMANN Kunststoffgeräte GmbH in Vienna has now been operating under its new, more international company name WITTMANN Technology GmbH. For WITTMANN’s two production facilities in Vienna, a major remodeling of its headquarters in Lichtblaustrasse is planned for 2021, together with an extension of the building in Percostrasse. The latter involves an extension of the R&D departments in the areas of mechatronics and software development. An additional 1,050 m² of office and test lab space will be created.

Another noteworthy investment is imminent at WITTMANN BATTENFELD in Kottlingbrunn. Here, a fully automatic pallet racking system with about 1,500 pallet bays will be built. For this purpose, the construction of an extension to the existing

building to provide about 3,000 m² of additional space will start in May. Completion and commissioning is scheduled for 2023. In addition to the fully automatic pallet racking system, this extension will house a separate storage and order picking area, as well as assembly space for vertical and large machine models and a new electrical workshop. Rainer Weingraber, Managing Director of WITTMANN BATTENFELD GmbH, comments: “This investment will help us to make the production process even more efficient and to continue on our course of growth. It will be a further milestone for the production plant in Kottlingbrunn.”

The investment projects of the WITTMANN Group planned for the current fiscal year for its subsidiaries concern primarily China, Hungary and Bulgaria. The facilities at these locations are to be further extended.

Michael Wittmann: “With these planned investments we will be optimally prepared for the challenges of the next few years in the areas of development as well as logistics and sales.”



Fig. 1: WITTMANN Technology GmbH, Vienna



Fig. 2: Extension to the existing assembly hall in Kottingbrunn – space: 3,000 m²

The WITTMANN Group

The WITTMANN Group is a globally leading manufacturer of injection molding machines, robots and auxiliary equipment for processing a great variety of plasticizable materials – both plastic and non-plastic. The group of companies has its headquarters in Vienna, Austria and consists of two main divisions: WITTMANN BATTENFELD and WITTMANN. Following the principles of environmental protection, conservation of resources and circular economy, the WITTMANN Group engages in state-of-the-art process technology for maximum energy efficiency in injection molding, and in processing standard materials and materials with a high content of recyclates and renewable raw materials. The products of the WITTMANN Group are designed for horizontal and vertical integration into a Smart Factory and can be interlinked to form an intelligent production cell.

The companies of the group jointly operate eight production plants in five countries, and the additional sales companies at their 34 different locations are present in all major industrial markets around the world.

WITTMANN BATTENFELD pursues the continued strengthening of its market position as a manufacturer of injection molding machines and supplier of comprehensive modern machine technology in modular design. The product range of WITTMANN includes robots and automation systems, material handling systems, dryers, gravimetric and volumetric blenders, granulators, temperature controllers and chillers. The combination of the individual areas under the umbrella of the WITTMANN Group enables perfect integration – to the advantage of injection molding processors with an increasing demand for seamless interlocking of processing machines, automation and auxiliaries.

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