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Dr. Schneider inaugurates its R & D Center

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Kronach-Neuses. The Dr. Schneider Unternehmensgruppe has inaugurated its new R & D Center (Research & Development Center) on Friday June 17th. Now the division as the central future aspect for the group worldwide has ultra modern and future-oriented working conditions. The three-story building on the north-eastern side of the company premises in Kronach-Neuses provides space for approx. 220 engineers, developers and innovation managers. Also accommodated in this building are a presentation and showroom in which provides space for up to



*The new R & D Center of the Dr. Schneider Unternehmensgruppe.
Photo: Dr. Schneider*

two vehicles.

Dr. Schneider has invested a total of 7.1 million Euros into the R & D Center. However, the new building also constitutes a statement of the Unternehmensgruppe in terms of sustainability. Thus, the annual primary energy consumption falls below the value specified in the German Energy Saving Ordinance 2016 yet again by almost 20 percent and the specifications of the German Renewable Energy / Energies Heat Act (further details regarding sustainability at Dr. Schneider and the R & D Center are described in a separate press release).

The beginnings of research & development at Dr. Schneider date back to almost more than 30 years. At that time, the company constituted a design office with one employee at a drafting table. While no own products were developed and drawn at the beginning, it is today's division R & D which constitutes the centerpiece of all developments at Dr. Schneider and thus an important future aspect for the Unternehmensgruppe. „ Our strengths are definitely lying in the innovations which are gladly taken on by our customers from the automobile industry. This is why“, Parag Shah, the chairman of the board of the Dr. Schneider Unternehmensgruppe, „the ultra modern R & D Center is something equivalent to a life insurance for us.“ Important to the general manager who headed the division

■ research & development himself until the end of April was not only the technical equipment of the building.

It was also important to him to create the best working conditions for the employees and to thus demonstrate them that they are appreciated for the work performed.

The inauguration of the new building was additionally used by Parag Shah in order to pass the baton as the head of research & development to his successor Torsten Förtsch. „We are very pleased to be able to fill this important position with an executive from within the company.“ In his new function, Förtsch outlined the advantages the new R & D Center had for the employees. „For us, it was important to design the workplaces so that they meet the needs of our colleagues.“ Fresh air, lightness, tranquility, ergonomic adaptability – „we also incorporated our ideas for those features in the design of the office furniture.“

The owners have unconditionally supported the project R & D Center from the beginning. „We are of course aware of the significance the innovative strength has in particular in the automobile industry“, emphasizes Sylvia Schmidt. „And we are also aware of the excellent potential that is hidden in our company.“ The owner Annette Schneider addressed the growth of the Unternehmensgruppe in recent years. „We did not only grow in terms of orders and projects but we have also substantially grown in terms of the number of employees. Therefore, our employees have been through a couple of years with really demanding working conditions.“ Schmidt and Schneider unanimously declare that this is why it was decided in 2015 to construct the R & D Center.

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Dr. Schneider Group / Short Profile

The Dr. Schneider Unternehmensgruppe (Kronach-Neuses) is a specialist for high-quality products made of plastics around the automobile – from the innovative ventilation system to highly integrated interior trims as well as esthetically and functionally sophisticated modules for instrument panels and center consoles. Dr. Schneider is one of the world market leaders in the field of ventilation systems (air vents and nozzles) and window frame trims. The supplier which is in demand worldwide is an experienced development partner for the premium automobile industry. The demanding clientele for example includes Audi, BMW, Jaguar/Land Rover, Lamborghini, Mercedes, Porsche and Rolls Royce. Dr. Schneider also produces for renowned automobile manufacturers such as Ferrari, Fiat Chrysler, Ford, GM, Maserati, Seat, Toyota, Volvo and VW.



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Dr. Schneider – founded in 1927 by Franz Schneider Sr – employs a global workforce of approximately 3600 employees and has production sites in Germany, China, Poland, Spain and the USA as well as sales offices around the globe. The company's general managers are Parag Shah (chairman) and Wilhelm Wirth.

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