

### VULKAN celebrates its 125th anniversary

(Herne, 18.09.2015) VULKAN has every reason to celebrate: on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the company the new administrative building is officially opened on the weekend at the headquarters in Herne. In the presence of the President of the IHK Mittleres Ruhrgebiet, Jürgen Fiege, and Mayor Horst Schiereck President Sebastian Hackforth and CEO Dr. Andreas Boehme cut through the obligatory band. After the inauguration, about 50 customers and representatives of all foreign subsidiaries will follow a detailed presentation of the plant and the VULKAN technology.

On Saturday, the celebrations have a more familiar atmosphere. Around 1,400 guests, employees and their families are invited to a daytime family festival on the factory premises. Besides Bratwurst, bouncy castle and live music by an employee band the VULKAN employees have the opportunity to show their relatives their work places in the new building or plant. The conclusion of the festivities will be a glittering party including a multi-media-show in the evening.

The VULKAN story began in 1889 with the foundation of Maschinenfabrik Louis Schwarz in Dortmund. The company produced machinery, containers and refrigeration compressors, especially for the already known Dortmund breweries. Since 1918, the company operated under the name "Dortmunder VULKAN AG". In 1926 Bernhard Hackforth Senior founded in Wanne-Eickel (today Herne) the Maschinenfabrik Hackforth & Co., which later will initially take over the production of VULKAN Kupplungs- und Getriebebau and in 1956 the entire company.

Today VULKAN Kupplungs- und Getriebebau Bernhard Hackforth GmbH & Co. KG manufactures highly flexible couplings, clutches, braking systems, mounts and shaft systems for marine propulsion, generator applications and industrial drives. VULKAN couplings are used worldwide for many decades in cruise ships, working and container ships as well as in the oil and gas industry, mining and materials handling technology. VULKAN Lokring Rohrverbindungen GmbH & Co. KG. is a specialist in solder-free tube connections in the refrigeration / air-conditioning technology, founded in the 1970s and also part of the Group.

The 125-year-old company is in sole possession of Hackforth family and employs approximately 1,300 people at 20 locations worldwide. These include five production facilities in Germany, Brazil, USA, China and India.

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