

Press Release

Groundbreaking ceremony: BENTELER further expands plant in Schwandorf

- **Company expands production area at site by around 11,500 m²**
- **Investment in the growth segment of electromobility in Germany**
- **Third plant expansion within a few years**

Schwandorf/Paderborn, June 02, 2022. BENTELER is once again expanding its production area at its Schwandorf (Germany) site – this time by around 11,500 m², which is more than 1.5 soccer fields. The symbolic groundbreaking ceremony took place today. Plant Manager Helmut Ascher officially started the construction work together with mayor Andreas Feller and district administrator Thomas Ebeling.

"It's great to continue expanding here at BENTELER's site in Schwandorf. The third plant expansion within a few years proves how much our customers trust our expertise in complex lightweight solutions," said Helmut Ascher. "This is also a tribute to the know-how and commitment of all employees on site."

The plant, part of BENTELER's Automotive division, produces, among other things, battery trays for electric vehicles as well as other structural and chassis components for German automotive manufacturers. BENTELER is one of the largest employers in Schwandorf. The internationally active group currently employs around 650 people at the location. The new expansion will also increase the number of employees.

The extension is due to be completed by January 2023, with production expected to start in September 2023. This is the third expansion within a few years. BENTELER expanded its production area in Schwandorf by around 50% in October 2018, and in October 2020 the group increased its production area by a further 7,500 m². With this latest expansion, the company is now investing once again in the production of battery trays in Germany – and thereby in the growth field of electromobility. With its customized, modular solutions, the company helps its customers take advantage of the growing opportunities offered by electromobility.

Photo and caption:

Groundbreaking_Schwandorf.jpg: Joint groundbreaking ceremony for the site expansion in Schwandorf (from left to right): Thomas Ebeling, district administrator of Schwandorf district; Andreas Feller, mayor of Schwandorf; Helmut Ascher, Schwandorf plant manager; Ralf Hoffmann, Customer Line Director, BENTELER Automotive; Manfred Hartwig, site manager Goldbeck Ost GmbH Regensburg

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