

Press release

100,000 caps against polio

- **Collection campaign: BENTELER supports the organization "Deckel drauf e.V." with 100,000 bottle caps**
- **This finances 200 polio vaccines for children in Afghanistan, Pakistan or Nigeria**
- **BENTELER demonstrates social commitment at its production sites**

Paderborn/Salzburg, May 16, 2018 - 100,000 bottle caps in twelve weeks - that was the result of the extensive collection campaign at the BENTELER Steel/Tube locations in Schloss Neuhaus, Paderborn, Lingen, Dinslaken and Bottrop. Under the motto "Make a contribution and demonstrate social commitment", a BENTELER Steel/Tube team collected a total of 100,000 bottle caps at all five German locations. This was done in support of the campaign "Caps against polio" of the organization "Deckel drauf e.V.". The collected caps will be used to pay for 200 polio vaccines for children in countries such as Afghanistan, Pakistan or Nigeria.

But how can plastic caps of water bottles save lives? The cap project is based on a simple idea: The collection, melting and subsequent sale of the plastic material is used to finance oral vaccinations against polio. The aim of the campaign is to eradicate the disease, also known as infantile paralysis, worldwide.

Dedication at BENTELER locations

"500 plastic caps are enough to pay for one vaccine. This means our dedication has financed a total of 200 vaccines. The association "Deckel drauf e.V." will also triple the amount for every donation received," explains Sarah Dauber, one of the diligent collectors in a team also including Andreas Gebhardt, Florian Dornbusch, Henning Südkamp, Michael Kaufmann and Philipp Hesseler, all of them employees of BENTELER Steel/Tube. They all volunteered to coordinate this campaign and, of course, also contributed their own hard work in the course of the BENTELER Business Camp, a human resource development measure of the Division Steel/Tube.

Throughout the company's entire history, BENTELER has always combined economically efficient action and corporate responsibility. That is why BENTELER gives its employees plenty of space for social commitment. Andre Sombecki, Managing Director BENTELER Steel/Tube, highlights the importance of this commitment for the company: "We demonstrate social commitment at our production locations. This extensive collection campaign is a way for our employees to make an

important contribution to a better future for children – showing courage and ambition for different country cultures."

Photo Caps: Are together looking forward to more than 100,000 collected caps (from left): Andreas Gebhardt, Philipp Hesseler, Managing Director Andre Sombecki, Sarah Dauber, Michael Kaufmann and Florian Dornbusch, all BENTELER Steel/Tube.

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About "Deckel drauf e.V."

The organization "Deckel drauf e.V." was established in 2014. Its aim is to collect and recycle plastic caps in order to give financial support to charitable projects. In a first step, the proceeds of the caps will be used to support the project "End Polio Now" fighting against the childhood disease polio.