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More capacities for increasing demand

Frauscher expands sensor production facility at HQs in St. Marienkirchen

Only one year after breaking ground the expansion of the sensor production at Frauscher Sensor Technology was opened by CEO Michael Thiel in an internal ceremony. After a short construction phase the production within the new building could successfully be prepared since summer 2015.

Cornerstones for more capacities

The new production area covers more than 500 m². The foundation for increased capacities is built on a combination of job optimisation, various approaches to improve the material flow and additional machines. Besides two curing ovens a second vacuum potting line was installed. This enables a comprehensive acceleration and automatization of all processes related to this step. Overall, capacities have been raised from 17 000 pieces (2014) a year to 30 000 sensors.

Various measures for optimised processes

Against the background of closely linked production processes, the goals behind the expansion went far beyond creating more space, Gerald Buchinger, Director Frauscher Sensor Technology reports: "The expansion also became a base for job optimisation, shortening of lead times as well as measures for securing maximum product quality. It was a major challenge to combine intensive planning of technological improvements and ongoing operation within the production area during the construction phase. Finally, after finishing all building and installation works new processes and ideas for improved workflows and working conditions have been implemented."

Best working conditions

Based on experiences of operating Frauscher products in more than 70 countries worldwide it is a principle of the company to focus on working conditions too. In order to be able to fulfill national and international requirements and standards, maximum product quality has to be guaranteed at any time. This is achieved by combining optimised production processes with best possible designed working places, to keep workflows as flexible as possible.

Well equipped for steady growth

As a technology leader for axle counters and wheel detection systems Frauscher employs more than 150 persons at its headquarters in St. Marienkirchen, Austria. Together with all subsidiaries, the company counts more than 240 employees all over the globe. Almost the entire production of wheel sensors and belonging evaluation boards is achieved in Austria. From here, Frauscher products are shipped into the whole world.

The expansion of the sensor production ensures Frauscher to be equipped perfectly for rising demands in global railway markets.

Images



Image1: Frauscher_ProductionDirector_GeraldBuchinger.jpg

Image text: Gerald Buchinger, Production Director Frauscher Sensor Technology



Image2: Frauscher_NewSensorProduction.jpg

Image text: Improved processes and optimised working conditions within the new Frauscher sensor production area



Image3: Frauscher_EroeffnungSensorfertigung.jpg

Image text: CEO Michael Thiel, Production Director Gerald Buchinger and Production Manager Markus Schmidhuber ceremoniously opened the new sensor production

About Frauscher

Frauscher Sensor Technology is the leading supplier of inductive sensor technology for use in the rail industry. Frauscher's portfolio includes the development, planning and production of innovative, highly-available and fail-safe sensor technology, as well as Wheel Detection Systems and Axle Counters for a very wide range of technical rail applications. This also includes individual planning and project planning, as well as support during installation and commissioning. Key Frauscher customers include companies with an involvement in rail-signalling technology, system integrators, companies manufacturing interlockings and railway operators around the world.

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