

## Sumitomo (SHI) Demag modernises production logistics and training centre

**Schwaig, July 14, 2020 - Since 2016, Sumitomo (SHI) Demag Plastics Machinery has invested almost EUR 20 million in modernising facilities and equipment at its two German sites in Schwaig and Wiehe. On 29 June 2020, a groundbreaking ceremony was held to mark the next project phase within the growth strategy of the Japanese-German injection moulding machinery manufacturer: the construction of a new lightweight warehouse with 1,600 m<sup>2</sup> of floor space in Schwaig.**

*"The optimisation of our internal logistics is the logical consequence of the capacity expansion and modernisation of production. We can further increase production efficiency and throughput times and achieve faster delivery times,"* says CEO Gerd Liebig.

The new hall location enables a direct material flow from goods receipt and the dispatch loading zone to production. Future plant expansions have also been accounted for in the planning of the building. Notably, the new hall houses the central collection point for production waste in order to make sorting, disposal and recycling even more efficient.

### **Expansion of training centre completed**

The expansion and modernisation of the training centre in Schwaig is now also completed. Doubling capacity for customer training, the expansion of new training rooms provides direct connection to the applications technology department. As a result, the company's training team has expanded to eight team members, providing training in machine technology, application technology and robotics. The rooms are equipped with the latest media technology, including digital boards with touchback function and an online studio, which enables course participants from all over the world to benefit from professional online training.

*"With our modular training concepts and the worldwide integration of training material, our solutions can be used in an even more target-oriented and efficient way,"* explains Liebig.

*"We can now tailor the training courses to suit individual needs. As a result, customers are more readily prepared and can immediately utilise the competitive advantages of new machinery and application technologies from the start. Thanks to modern media technology, we now offer efficient online training which reduces the time people need to allocate to professional skills development and performing practical exercises,"* adds Dr. Thorsten Thümen, Senior Director Technology at Sumitomo (SHI) Demag.

## Images



**Image 1:** Ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of the new warehouse at Sumitomo /SHI Demag location, Schwaig; Dr. Thorsten Thümen (Senior Director Technology), Shoichi Ohira (COO), Gerd Liebig (CEO), Robert Josephus (1st Chairman of Works Council), Martin Fischer (General Manager Operations & Supply Chain) (f.l.t.r.)



**Image 2:** In front of the expanded training centre in Schwaig: Robert Josephus (1st Chairman of Works Council), Gerd Liebig (CEO), Shoichi Ohira (COO), Dr. Thorsten Thümen (Senior Director Technology), Martin Fischer (General Manager Operations & Supply Chain) (f.l.t.r.)

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## Sumitomo (SHI) Demag Plastics Machinery GmbH

Sumitomo (SHI) Demag has had a lasting influence on the development of the plastics industry from the very beginning. As Specialist for injection moulding machines for plastics processing Sumitomo (SHI) Demag jointly owns with its Japanese parent company Sumitomo Heavy Industries to the world's leading

Companies in the industry. The global development and production network of Sumitomo Heavy Industries and Sumitomo (SHI) Demag consists of four plants in Japan, Germany and China with more than 3,000 employees. The Product portfolio includes fully electric and hybrid driven injection moulding machines in the Clamping force range between 180 and 15,000 kN. With over 145,000 machines installed, Sumitomo

(SHI) Demag is present in all important markets of the world and is considered one of the largest global manufacturers of injection moulding machines. The Sumitomo main plant in Chiba, Japan manufactures machines with small and medium clamping forces. Around 95 % of all machines delivered have a fully electric drive concept. The German Sumitomo (SHI) Demag locations in Schwaig and Wiehe use hybrid drive concepts to manufacture the Systec Servo series as well as the high-performance and high-speed EI-Exis SP and Systec SP machines. The IntElect series with electric drive technology is also used in Germany for the international market.

Sumitomo (SHI) Demag has had a local production facility in Ningbo, China, since 1998. Since mid 2015 the local subsidiary Demag Plastics Machinery (Ningbo) Co., Ltd. with 13,000 m<sup>2</sup> floor space, in which the Systec C series with 500 to 10,000 kN clamping force for Asian markets is manufactured. In addition to injection moulding machines, Sumitomo (SHI) Demag offers customised and standardised systems for the automation of the handling of moulded parts, process engineering and solutions for special applications, tailor-made services and service concepts and Offers to finance the investment in injection molding machines. With its seamless sales and service network of subsidiaries and agencies, the company is Sumitomo (SHI) Demag is present in all important industrial markets.