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Hirschvogel Opens New Plant In Mexico

The Hirschvogel Automotive Group is resolutely pursuing its international expansion course. As early as October 2017, serial production commenced at the new site in Mexico. On April 11, 2018, the inauguration ceremony took place at this new plant located in San Juan del Río in the state of Querétaro.

Hirschvogel Components Mexico S.A. de C.V. produces forged and machined parts for the local automotive market. The total investment amounts to approx. 67 million euros, calculated from the start of building work until the end of 2019. By that time, the goal is to have a total of 250 employees working there. The Hirschvogel Automotive Group is thus reinforcing its growth course in the NAFTA region and providing additional production capacities for the North American market alongside the existing plant in Columbus/Ohio (USA).

In October 2015, a location analyses and planning for the new plant commenced. In August 2016, the earthworks began on the plot, which spans 11.3. hectares. Building work on the first hall started in January 2017. In the 15 months that followed, 20,000 m² of production space were generated as well as 4,000 m² for offices and social rooms. To date, two entire press lines with upstream and downstream processes and 21 machining units have been installed. These will allow Hirschvogel in Mexico to already achieve series production of approx. 1.5 million transmission shafts for transfer gearboxes and constant-velocity joints during 2018. The production capacities will be further expanded parallel to customer ramp-ups.



The new plant has been headed by Stephan Lutzenberger since January 1, 2017. Mr. Lutzenberger has been employed at the Hirschvogel Automotive Group for 18 years in various positions, including Production Manager Forging at the plant in Columbus (USA) and as Head of Corporate Product and Process Development Forging in Denklingen.

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Fig. 1: Stephan Lutzenberger is heading the new Hirschvogel plant in Mexico.

Fig. 2: Exterior view of Hirschvogel Components Mexico S.A. de C.V.

Fig. 3: With the official ribbon-cutting ceremony, the new plant in Mexico was opened on April 11, 2018.

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The Hirschvogel Automotive Group

The Hirschvogel Automotive Group is among the most successful manufacturers of forged parts made of steel and aluminum. As a development partner to the automotive industry and a production specialist in forging and machining, the core competencies of Hirschvogel lie in the application areas of gas and diesel injection, the engine, electric drives as well as the transmission, powertrain and chassis in passenger cars and commercial vehicles. Another key focus is on parts for off-highway applications.

Hirschvogel is an independent family company and has approx. 5,300 employees worldwide. Total sales in 2017 amounted to 1.167 billion euros. The headquarters of the Group are located in Denklingen, Upper Bavaria. Likewise located there are Hirschvogel Umformtechnik GmbH and its parent company Hirschvogel Holding GmbH. The Group is also represented in Germany with three other plants based in Schongau and in Marksuhl, near Eisenach. Internationally, the Hirschvogel Automotive Group is present on three continents: in Pinghu near Shanghai (China), in Columbus/Ohio (USA), in San Juan del Río/Querétaro (Mexico), in Gliwice (Poland) and in Sanaswadi (India).

More information on the company, products, service spectrum and career at Hirschvogel may be found at www.hirschvogel.com.