



Press Release

HERRENKNECHT welcomes Minister of Education Dr. Susanne Eisenmann

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The Minister of Education, Youth and Sport in Baden-Württemberg, Dr. Susanne Eisenmann, visited Herrenknecht AG in Schwanau on Wednesday. On the agenda were the topics of ensuring enough skilled workers, training and Germany's viability in the future. On a tour of the plant premises, company founder and Chairman of the Board of Management Dr.- Ing. E.h. Martin Herrenknecht familiarized the minister with the company and the international project business.

_____ On July 24, 2019, Dr. Susanne Eisenmann, Minister of Education, Youth and Sport of the State of Baden-Württemberg since 2016, visited Herrenknecht AG in Schwanau. During a tour of the plant, the state minister gained an insight into the family business and highlights from the world of mechanized tunnelling. She exchanged views with company founder and Chairman of the Board of Management Dr.- Ing. E.h. Martin Herrenknecht as well as members of the Board of Management and senior executives on the future viability of Germany as a business location. The discussions also focused on the issues of ensuring enough skilled workers as well as training.

"Education is one of our most important raw materials. For Germany to stay ahead, we need an education offensive to increase our innovative strength and our clout in global competition," Martin Herrenknecht emphasized. Application-oriented research and cooperative vocational training are important cornerstones of this, he said. The Minister of Education was visibly impressed with the Herrenknecht training workshop and its modern machinery: "I am delighted that Herrenknecht is pursuing the long-term development of young talent. This lays the foundation for cutting-edge technology from Germany. Training skilled workers in the German cooperative system is an advantage in international competition."

Herrenknecht trains up to 180 young people in 12 occupations and degree internship programs, making it one of the largest trainers in the Ortenau region. Outside the business itself, the company also supports young talents for school and student

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education projects. These include scholarships at various colleges and universities as well as the promotion of science and technical subjects and the Engineer's Day at the Max Planck High School in Lahr.

During the plant tour, Martin Herrenknecht also briefed Minister Susanne Eisenmann on Herrenknecht's current international project business. In addition to reference projects for supply and waste disposal lines of all kinds, this includes challenging tunnel projects in Europe, such as the French capital's "Grand Paris Express" metro extension, in the course of which more than 200 kilometers of new metro lines are being built using tunnel boring machines. The Brenner Base Tunnel currently under construction with Herrenknecht technology will be the world's longest underground rail link. A technical gap is closed by the innovation E-Power Pipe®: with the trenchless method, small-diameter cable protection pipes can be installed underground quickly and securely with ten times longer drive lengths.

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Photos

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Photo 1

On July 24, 2019, company founder and Chairman of the Board of Management Dr.- Ing. E.h. Martin Herrenknecht welcomed the Baden-Württemberg Minister of Education, Youth and Sport, Dr. Susanne Eisenmann, at the company headquarters in Schwanau.



Photo 2

State Minister Eisenmann exchanged views with members of the Board of Management and senior executives on the future viability of Germany as a business location. The discussions also focused on the issues of ensuring enough skilled workers as well as training.



Photo 3

During a tour of the plant, Dr.-Ing. E.h. Martin Herrenknecht briefed the Minister of Education on the international project business in mechanized tunnelling and showed her the state-of-the-art training workshop. Herrenknecht trains up to 180 young people, making it one of the largest trainers in the Ortenau region. Dr. Susanne Eisenmann emphasized the advantage of the German cooperative education training system in international competition.

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Herrenknecht AG is the only company worldwide to deliver tunnel boring machines for all geologies and in all diameters – ranging from 0.10 to 19 meters. The product range comprises tailor-made machines for traffic, supply and disposal tunnels, technologies for routing of pipe lines, as well as additional equipment and service packages. Herrenknecht also manufactures drilling equipment for vertical and inclined shafts as well as deep drilling rigs.

The Herrenknecht Group achieved a total output of 1,316 million euros in 2018. The independent family business employs about 5,000 people worldwide, from which 180 are trainees. With about 80 domestic and overseas subsidiaries and associated companies working in related fields, Herrenknecht provides comprehensive, fast and targeted services close to each project and contractor.

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