



## **THE ATHLETES STORL AND OBERGFÖLL, SPONSORED BY HERRENKNECHT, WON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MOSCOW.**

**At the World Athletics Championships in Moscow, the two athletes sponsored by Herrenknecht, Christina Obergföll and David Storl, excelled with outstanding performances. Javelin thrower Christina Obergföll won her first World Championship gold medal with a throw of 69.05 meters in a thrilling final at Luzhniki Stadium. The 23-year-old shot-putter David Storl won his gold medal already last Friday with an excellent performance, thus taking home his second World Championship title.**

**Moscow, Russia / Schwanau, Germany, August 19, 2013.** The medal position of the German athletes at the 2013 World Championship in Moscow is extremely gratifying. Two of the four World Championship gold medals were won by top athletes sponsored by Herrenknecht AG. Javelin thrower Christina Obergföll from Ortenau was able to crown her sporting career on Sunday with a powerful gold throw of 69.05 meters. In the last years she narrowly missed the gold medal in several international competitions. But this time luck was with her. Dr.-Ing. E.h. Martin Herrenknecht, who has supported the top athlete in many ways for over 12 years, said of the triumph at Luzhniki Stadium: "I am absolutely delighted for Christina and her first world championship gold. This is an enormous relief for her and a happy moment for all those who supported her. She has shown strong nerves, a fighting spirit and perseverance and has now fulfilled one of her greatest dreams."

Shot-putter David Storl, another athlete sponsored by Martin Herrenknecht, was already hunting for gold on the previous Friday. The 23-year-old athlete Storl, who has been supported by Herrenknecht since spring 2013, showed himself to be very sovereign in the final competition against strong international competition. He achieved victory with a distance of 21.73 meters on his forth shot. A photo finish convinced the judge that his attempt was executed correctly. Thus, the young top athlete takes home his second World Championship gold, about which entrepreneur Martin Herrenknecht was also delighted. "All Herrenknecht employees are also congratulating him warmly for this sensational top result. We are very proud of the great successes of Christina Obergföll and David Storl. Perseverance and a lot of hard work are behind these top performances. Keep it up!"

Besides Obergföll and Storl, Herrenknecht AG sponsors a third athlete: the heptathlete Jennifer Oeser (silver medal at the 2009 World Championship in Berlin). However, she was unable to participate in the 2013 World Championship in Moscow due to injury. In all of the disciplines of the Herrenknecht-sponsored athletes, success depends on highly sophisticated technique and concentrated power, along with the absolute will to be among the world's top athletes. "This fits with our business. What I like most in athletics is that the atmosphere surrounding the competition is always very positive, colorful and fair" says Dr.-Ing. E.h. Martin Herrenknecht.

**Photo 1:**



Won her long-awaited gold medal in Moscow: Christina Obergföll

**Photo 2:**



Winning World Championship gold with a top performance: David Storl showed nerves of steel in Moscow.

**Photo 3:**



Personally congratulating the young World Champion: Dr.-Ing. E.h. Martin Herrenknecht and his brother Dieter Herrenknecht (right).

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