

PRESS RELEASE

HOMAG GmbH, HOMAG Plattenaufteiltechnik GmbH and Dürr Systems AG are among Germany's best companies for vocational training

Bietigheim-Bissingen, April 5, 2019 – The Dürr Group is one of the best organizations for young people seeking vocational training. As part of a study to find “Germany's best companies for vocational training in 2019”, conducted by Focus and Focus Money, the 20,000 German companies with the largest workforce were asked about the quality of their vocational training. Almost 1,000 companies received awards. In the mechanical engineering category, HOMAG (Schopfloch), HOMAG Plattenaufteiltechnik (Holzbronn) and Dürr Systems (Bietigheim-Bissingen) achieved high positions.

The ranking was created, firstly, by evaluating 350 million online sources to ascertain how the companies are viewed on the Internet and in social media; and secondly, by means of questionnaires. In the latter, companies provided information about the proportion of successfully completed training, remuneration, the proportion of people taken on following their training, and other options offered such as funding programs and cooperative state university programs.

Being an engineering company, the Dürr Group relies on well-qualified and committed specialists and managers. “We try to prevent a shortage of qualified employees by offering our apprentices and students numerous opportunities for further training as well as career prospects. After all, the best way for a company to secure future experts is to nurture them itself”, declares Klaus Achtelik, Head of Human Resources at the Dürr Group. Steffen Stippl, who coordinates the training network at HOMAG, adds: “We want to prepare them as much as we can for the

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challenges they currently face in the workplace, for example in terms of digitization and personal development. Investing in young people is investing in the future of a company.”

In Germany, the Dürr Group currently has around 400 apprentices and cooperative state university students. A good 70 % of them work for HOMAG in Schopfloch and for HOMAG Plattenaufteiltechnik in Holzbronn. Around 135 young people start their vocational training at the Dürr Group’s German sites every year. They can choose between 12 different apprenticeships or complete one of the 11 cooperative state university courses on offer.

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The Dürr Group is one of the world's leading mechanical and plant engineering firms with extensive expertise in automation and digitization/Industry 4.0. Its products, systems and services enable highly efficient manufacturing processes in different industries. The Dürr Group supplies sectors like the automotive industry, mechanical engineering, chemical, pharmaceutical and woodworking industries. It generated sales of € 3.87 billion in 2018. In October 2018, the Dürr Group acquired the industrial environmental technology business of US-based company Babcock & Wilcox, comprising the Megtec and Universal brands. Since then, it has over 16,300 employees and 108 business locations in 32 countries. The Group operates in the market with five divisions:

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- **Application Technology:** *robot technologies for the automated application of paint, sealants and adhesives*
- **Clean Technology Systems:** *air pollution control, noise abatement systems and battery coating lines*
- **Measuring and Process Systems:** *balancing equipment as well as assembly, testing and filling technology*
- **Woodworking Machinery and Systems:** *machinery and equipment for the woodworking industry*

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