

Press release

Top marks for PWO vocational training!

Oberkirch, November 13, 2007 – Progress-Werk Oberkirch AG has an exceptional track record in staff training, as evidenced by this year's examination results achieved by the company's trainees taking part in the PWO vocational training programme. Having honed their skills as part of a PWO's comprehensive instruction course, all twelve trainees got top marks at this year's final examination organised by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Southern Upper Rhine region. In fact, PWO-trained Christian Litsch, now a qualified toolmaker within the area of metal forming and processing, achieved the best exam results in the entire state of Baden-Württemberg.

Karl M. Schmidhuber, Chairman of the Management Board of Progress-Werk Oberkirch AG, has every reason to be proud: "It goes without saying that we share our trainees' delight at having achieved such outstanding results, and we wish them all the very best for the future. Beyond this, of course, we are also particularly proud to have secured the services of these young professionals for our company. In view of the current shortage of qualified candidates within the job market as a whole, the exemplary programme of vocational training developed by PWO provides a solid foundation for the future of our entire Group. Therefore, we recently raised the number of traineeship training positions offered per year to 89. All members of the PWO team involved with this programme are worthy of the highest praise and deserve our thanks."

Dr.-Ing. Winfried Blümel, PWO's Chief Operating Officer with executive responsibilities covering production and materials management, added, "The fact that our tooling division has produced a trainee with the best exam results in the entire state speaks volumes: PWO has positioned itself at the very top of the international league table within this area. Drawing on our core competencies within the field of tooling, we are able to supply customers with mass-produced components in zero-defect quality. And we are firmly committed to passing on to the next generation our immense knowledge of this key technology."

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