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Groundbreaking: Schlemmer plans to double turnover in Romania**Extensive plant expansion in Satu Mare to be complete by March 2015**

Poing, 17 October 2014: Extensive work began last week on the second major expansion of Schlemmer's plant in Satu Mare in Romania – inaugurated by the symbolic first breaking of the ground. Schlemmer CEO Josef Minster and CFO Christian von der Linde celebrated the start of construction together with the workforce and representatives of partner companies; a significant expansion of production capacity and the product portfolio is anticipated for as early as March 2015. Schlemmer Romania currently manufactures some 70 million metres of corrugated tubing a year for its two major business segments; automotive and industrial applications.

"In this second expansion since the opening of the plant in 2004, we are constructing a further production hall of about 4,000 square metres in size. In future, Schlemmer Romania will also manufacture injection mould products here; moreover, production capacity for corrugated tubes will increase once again," said CEO Josef Minster. CFO Christian von der Linde added: "By expanding our plant, we are aiming to double turnover in Satu Mare. Both the eastern European market and the current order situation for Germany and other countries have made this expansion urgently necessary".

In the past few months, Schlemmer had already brought its globally unique mobile factory into use in Romania to compensate for production bottlenecks. Housed in a special container, the wholly self-functioning extrusion plant is loaded onto a lorry, meaning it can produce goods anytime, anywhere. For an average corrugated tube with a production of 22 meters a minute, the plant outputs up to 62,000 metres a day in three-shift operation.

If everything goes according to plan, all the outside plants will be ready before the start of winter, and the production technology can be installed in the new hall during the winter months. For its production machines Schlemmer selects system suppliers with a proven track record, whereas working with local companies regarding installation technology and controls.

In 2015 the number of employees in Satu Mare will also grow in line with the expansion in production, from the current 120 to 210. Alin Stavariu, General Manager in Romania, explained: "We have built up a highly motivated team here in Romania that is fully committed to working towards more than just the jointly agreed goal of doubling turnover. After the current expansion, we will have used only half of the 2 hectares of land that we have purchased – a lack of space will thus not be an obstacle to a third expansion in future".

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About Schlemmer

The Schlemmer Group, with a workforce of over 2,000 around the world, generated revenues of more than € 240 million in 2013. At 22 stationary manufacturing sites in twelve countries and one mobile production facility, the company develops, manufactures and sells its portfolio of cable protection systems for automotive and industrial applications consisting of corrugated, smooth and protective tubes, manifolds and connector interfaces plus customised cable ducts and cable conduits. Other business segments include connection systems with gland technology, mechatronics systems with probes and sensors as well as air and fluid systems with conveying lines, and electrical installation systems with device and connection sockets. Schlemmer's ecotech line of environmental engineering products features solar absorbers and energy fence solutions.

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