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EANS-News: Semperit Group: Conveyor belt segment Sempertrans continues global expansion with new capacities in Poland

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Subtitle: Sempertrans opens largest and most modern conveyor belt facility in Europe

Plant Openings/Investment

The Semperit Group continues its growth in the Sempertrans segment with the commissioning of new production capacities at the site in Belchatów, Poland. A total of about EUR 40 million has been invested to expand production capacities. Due to strong sales activities and high demand for Sempertrans products, the new capacities are already very well utilised.

"We have established our position as a producer of high-quality conveyor belts and a solution provider with top services among demanding customers. Therefore, we can continuously gain market share even in an overall difficult economic environment. With the added capacity in Belchatów, we will continue to expand our strong position, open up new markets and push our global expansion as planned", Thomas Fahnemann, CEO of the Semperit Group, explains. Moreover, Poland offers ideal production conditions for industrial enterprises, Fahnemann adds: "The employees are highly qualified, energy costs are competitive and we are very close to important markets and key customers."

The conveyor belt market grows by roughly 3% annually, most markedly in Asia, Australia and South America. The market growth is determined by the megatrend mining and the increasing demand for energy and raw materials. In addition to mining, Sempertrans products are also used in the steel and cement industries, in power stations and in the transport industry. One of Sempertrans' strengths is its global engineering team. The conveyor belt specialists support their customers in selecting, installing and operating the best technological solution and the appropriate conveyor belt for the respective purpose of use.

Sempertrans Belchatów is the largest production facility for conveyor belts in Europe and specialises in manufacturing heavy-duty steel cord and textile conveyor belts. The R&D centre located at the site continuously develops innovations, most recently an energy-saving conveyor belt, which is used by several major customers. 100 new jobs have been created as a result of the expansion. Thanks to state-of-the-art technology, production will be even more efficient in the future.

The new production capacities were opened at a festive ceremony in Belchatów yesterday. Photos of the opening ceremony are available at <https://semperitgroup.picturepark.com/Go/qYU6dzlx>
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About Semperit

The publicly listed company Semperit AG Holding is an internationally-oriented group that develops, produces, and sells in more than 100 countries highly specialised rubber and plastic products for the medical and industrial sectors: examination and surgical gloves, hydraulic and industrial hoses, conveyor belts, escalator handrails, construction profiles, cable car rings, and products for railway superstructures. The headquarters of this traditional Austrian company, which was founded in 1824, are located in Vienna. The Semperit Group employs about 7,000 people worldwide, including close to 4,100 in Asia and more than 800 in Austria (Vienna and production site in Wimpassing, Lower Austria). The group has 22 manufacturing facilities worldwide and numerous

sales offices in Europe, Asia, and America. In 2014 the group generated sales of EUR 858 million and EBITDA of EUR 102 million.

About Sempertrans

With production facilities in Poland, France, China and India, Sempertrans is one of the largest and most technologically advanced conveyor belt manufacturers in the world. The portfolio includes belts with both textile and steel cords, which perfectly meet the requirements of their respective fields of application. These range from underground and surface mining to heavy industry and shipping ports. Conveyor belts made by Sempertrans are distinguished worldwide for their high operational reliability and long service life. Thanks to customised production, they also impress with versatility. Sempertrans supports customers from design, manufacturing and installation to maintenance, and is represented worldwide by a production and distribution network with expert partners for service and systems design. Through an increased presence in emerging markets, Sempertrans will continue to benefit from the strong demand for raw materials and energy. In the financial year 2014, Sempertrans generated revenue of EUR 146 million (approx.17% of group revenue) and EBITDA of EUR 21 million.

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