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EANS-News: Semperit AG Holding / Innovative aerial conveyor system "Flyingbelt" from Sempertrans and Agudio put into operation in Brazil

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New Products

- At around 7 kilometres in length, this "Flyingbelt" is the longest in the world
- A new bulk transportation system moving materials more efficiently and securely, with lower environmental impact
- A successful project partnership with Leitner ropeways/Agudio

The Sempertrans segment of the international Semperit Group, together with the Italian ropeway manufacturer Leitner ropeways its brand Agudio, have developed a completely new system for bulk transportation over long distances - the "Flyingbelt", a combination of ropeway and conveyor belt. The unique conveyor belt suspended on ropes connects a limestone mine in South Eastern Brazil with a cement plant owned by LafargeHolcim, the largest producer of construction materials globally. Under the most difficult topographical conditions, 1,500 tonnes of limestone per hour are transported at a height of up to 36 metres. The new "Flyingbelt", with a length of approximately 7 kilometres, is the longest in the world.

"With the Agudio "Flyingbelt" we have installed a very innovative bulk materials transportation system. The Sempertrans conveyor belt not only overcomes - at great height - terrain that can only be accessed with difficulty, it also transports material efficiently and in an environmentally-friendly way. More than 40 truck journeys every hour are saved", comments Thomas Fahnemann, CEO of Semperit Group. "We are the only conveyor belt manufacturer worldwide that has the technical expertise to deliver the right belt for the special construction of a cable conveyor belt", Fahnemann adds.

Efficient and with low environmental impact

The longest flying conveyor belt in the world was produced in the Sempertrans plant in France and shipped to Brazil. The customer LafargeHolcim was convinced by the lower long-term operating expenses and the higher transportation capacities. The electricity consumption of the new conveyor equipment is only around one third of that of conventional ropeway systems and, instead of the previous maximum of 400 tonnes per hour, 1,500 tonnes of limestone can now be transported in the same amount of time. In addition, the construction work needed on the ground for traditional conveyor belts, which encroaches significantly on nature and the landscape, was not necessary for the "Flyingbelt" in Brazil.

Following the successful completion of the project for LafargeHolcim, Sempertrans and Agudio plan to convince further customers about the new technology. New projects are in the pipeline, also in areas other than the core mining segment.

Flyingbelt photos for download:

<https://semperitgroup.picturepark.com/Go/vsFKxUy7>

About Semperit

The publicly listed company Semperit AG Holding is an internationally-oriented group that develops, produces, and sells highly specialised rubber and plastic products in more than 100 countries 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 more than 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, America and Australia. In 2015, the group generated sales of EUR 915 million and EBITDA of EUR 96 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 textile belts and steel cord belts for the most demanding applications in the mining, cement and steel industries as well as other applications such as ports, quarries and chemical industry. Conveyor belts from Sempertrans are distinguished worldwide for their high reliability and long life. Thanks to customized production, they also have an impressive versatility. Sempertrans serves customers from design, through manufacturing and installation, to maintenance, and is represented worldwide by a production and distribution network with expert partners for service and systems design. In 2015, Sempertrans generated revenues of EUR 165 million (approx. 18% of the group revenue) and EBITDA of EUR 24 million.

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