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Koehler Paper Opens Its Doors for the Lions Club Offenburg Simplicius

- **Koehler Paper shows Lions Club members around the paper production facility at its Kehl site**
- **Impressive machine sizes inspire visitors**

Kehl, Germany, 25/04/2024—Koehler Paper recently gave visitors a plant tour which offered them the chance to have a look behind the scenes of its paper production facility in Kehl and learn more about one of the Ortenaukreis region’s largest companies in the process. In April, 17 members of the Lions Club Offenburg Simplicius were given a company presentation and an hour-long tour of the latest company production line, production line 8, consisting of paper machine 8 and coating machine 8. Volker Oestreich, Head of Construction Planning – Central Plant Engineering, Andreas Walter, Team Leader Mechanical Planning – Central Plant Engineering, and Georg Streif, Production Coordinator at Koehler Paper’s Kehl site showed visitors around the paper production facility.

Visitors Inspired by Imposing Machines

Production line 8, which was commissioned in 2019, is used to produce the “NexFlex®” flexible packaging paper as an alternative to plastic packaging, and the environmentally friendly “Blue4est®” thermal paper, which is used for checkout receipts. Koehler Paper invested 300 million euros in the construction of the new production line, which represents the largest single investment in the company’s long history.

The feedback from the visitors was overwhelmingly positive. The Lions Club members were particularly impressed by the imposing size of the machines.

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Figure: Members of the Lions Club Offenburg Simplicius visited the Koehler Paper plant at the company's Kehl site. Source: Koehler Group

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About the Koehler Group

The Koehler Group was founded in 1807 and has been family-run from that moment to the present day. The group's core business activity lies in the development and production of high-quality specialty paper. This includes—among others—thermal paper, playing card board, beverage coasters, fine paper, carbon-less paper, recycled paper, decor paper, wood pulp board, sublimation paper, and also innovative specialty paper for the packaging industry since 2019. In Germany, the Koehler Group employs around 2,500 people across five production sites, with three additional sites in the USA. The group operates internationally, with an export share of around 67% in 2022, and brings in an annual turnover of around 1.3 billion euros.

As an energy-intensive company, Koehler invests in renewable energy projects such as wind energy, hydropower, photovoltaics, and biomass with its Koehler Renewable Energy business unit. The Koehler Group has set a goal of producing more energy from renewable sources by 2030 than is required for its paper production operations.

With its Koehler Innovative Solutions division, Koehler is collaborating with start-ups to promote innovations in the core business segments “paper” and “renewable energy”.

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