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## **Close Connection with the Koehler Group: Traditional Celebration in Honor of Long-Serving Employees**

- **Forty employees honored for their long service**
- **Farewell to 16 employees entering retirement and semi-retirement**
- **Traditional Koehler anniversary celebration held in Offenburg's Reithalle cultural center**

**Oberkirch, Germany, 10/06/2023**—After a three-year break due to the pandemic, the Koehler Group has held a celebration for 40 employees who had completed 10, 25, or 40 years of loyal service to the company. The traditional celebration to honor those reaching career milestones and long-serving employees entering retirement was held in the Reithalle cultural center in Offenburg for the first time this year. With around 2,500 employees now working for the Koehler Group, the facilities in Oberkirch are no longer sufficient to accommodate everyone wanting to attend.

### **Employee Loyalty a Key Factor in the Company's Success**

For a family company like the Koehler Group, employees who have been with the company for decades are the mainstays of the business. With their commitment, expertise, dedication, and, above all, their loyalty, they make a huge contribution to the company's success. Long periods of service also demonstrate the trust the employees have in the company.

Kai Furler, CEO of the Koehler Group, emphasized the following in his welcome speech: "Staying with the same company for 40 years is far from a given in these fast-paced times." Furler also mentioned the immense experience and knowledge that long-serving employees amass during this time. "This knowledge is an invaluable asset for our work and therefore for Koehler," stressed Furler.

### **Oberkirch's Mayor Gregor Bühler Passes on a Message from Baden-Württemberg's Minister President**

Koehler's anniversary celebration is a tradition dating back decades, which shines a light on employees. An entertaining accompanying program, led by TV presenter Martin Seidler, included music from the Koehler Group's company band, a world premiere of a juggling act performed by Moritz Rosner and Jan Daumin, plus several courses of culinary delights. Gregor Bühler, Mayor of Oberkirch, presented those celebrating 40 years with the company with a certificate from the State of Baden-Württemberg and passed on a message from the Minister President. In his personal message, Bühler thanked the Koehler Group's board for its close cooperation and highlighted the 215-year relationship between Koehler and Oberkirch.

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A total of 26 employees were honored in this year's anniversary celebrations, of whom 18 had served for ten years, four for 25 years, and another four had completed 40 years of service. We also said goodbye to sixteen long-serving employees who are entering retirement and semi-retirement.



Figure: The members of the executive board Koehler Group honored forty employees for their long service.  
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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, drinks coasters, fine paper, carbonless paper, recycled paper, decor paper, wood pulp board, sublimation papers, and also innovative specialty papers 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 70% in 2021, and brings in an annual turnover of around 1 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.

In addition, with its Koehler Innovative Solutions business unit, Koehler is dedicated to developing new business areas outside of special paper production and energy production.

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