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## **Koehler Paper Honored as “Employer That Significantly Supports Civil Defense Volunteer Efforts”**

- **German state of Baden-Württemberg honors Koehler Paper Kehl site**
- **Company recognized for the support it provides to personnel serving as volunteers**

**Oberkirch, Germany, 11/14/2024** – The Koehler Paper site in Kehl was recently recognized as an “employer that significantly supports civil defense volunteer efforts” (“Ehrenamtsfreundlicher Arbeitgeber im Bevölkerungsschutz” in the original German) by the German state of Baden-Württemberg. With this designation, the state honors companies that support employees in the performance of their civil defense volunteer duties. At a ceremony in Freudenstadt, Deputy Minister President and State Minister of the Interior of Baden-Württemberg Thomas Strobl presented a total of 32 companies with a certificate documenting this honor.

“I’d like to effusively thank all the employers who take effective action to encourage and help volunteers fulfill their duties in Baden-Württemberg. They’re the ones who keep our state running,” Thomas Strobl said.

The Koehler Paper Kehl site was nominated by the Kehl volunteer fire brigade, of which a number of members are Koehler Paper employees who work at the Kehl site. “We’re really proud of this honor. Not only do we appreciate the volunteer work of our team members tremendously, but also have a long tradition of having Koehler play an active role in volunteer activities. In fact, the Koehler Group has had its own plant fire brigade for more than 100 years,” said Joachim Uhl, Mill Director at the Koehler Paper site in Kehl.

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*Figure: Together with Kehl Fire Brigade Captain Viktor Liehr (right) and his deputy David Oster (2nd from right), Thomas Strobl (left) presented Joachim Uhl (2nd from left), Mill Director at the Koehler Paper site in Kehl, with a certificate recognizing Koehler Paper as an “employer that significantly supports civil defense volunteer efforts.”*

*Source: Ministry of the Interior, Digitalisation and Local Government of Baden-Württemberg*



### **2030 Sustainability Strategy**

*By supporting our team members in the performance of their duties as volunteers, the Koehler Group is helping achieve sustainable development goals in the area of “people as the key to success.” This way, we continue to be a good neighbor to the people in our immediate surroundings.*

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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. 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 70% in 2023, and brings in an annual turnover of around 1.1 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.

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

Find more information at: <https://www.koehler.com>

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