

### Dear readers and business partners,

this year we celebrate our 60th anniversary. What came into being on 7th March 1957 is one of the many medium sized enterprises in the heart of Sauerland. We are delighted about our customers' loyalty, which in some cases goes back to the year we were founded, and we hope you will enjoy reading this current newsletter.


Yours Schulte-Wiese Gesenkschmiede

### WSW – 60 years of forge-knowhow from Plettenberg, how it all began...

Schulte-Wiese senior first began his career as a die maker in a company in this region and later worked himself up to be the plant manager and the production manager until finally as a partner he steered the fortunes of the company. In that era



Plettenberg and particularly Himmelmert was predestined for the metal-processing industry due to its geographical position and its access to hydropower.

Then in 1957 the day arrived when he started production at his own plant at the gates of the Ruhr area – initially mainly for the mining and mechanical engineering industries. Over the years the company also became a supplier for sophisticated and safety related drop forgings for the automobile, commercial vehicle and railway industries under the son, Dr. Hartmut Schulte-Wiese. Since 2013 Schulte-Wiese has been part of the privately led Plettenberger  Prange Group, whose strategy is based on

long-term stakes in companies with strong ties to the region. But since 1957 we have not lost sight of our roots, as some 30% of Schulte-Wiese's turnover is still generated by the international mining industry to as far away as China, Australia, South Africa or even the USA. In the railway sector nowadays drop forgings are used particularly in highly sensitive areas in coupling technology or bogies from our company. If you take the family out into the countryside in your car and take your bicycle too, fixed on a bicycle carrier mounted on a so-called ball neck, you could well be travelling with a forging from



Plettenberg-Himmelmert. The use of forgings in comparison to generative manufacturing processes or additive manufacturing, (AM for short) is indispensable and in the long run they will prove themselves.

### Our employees




60 years WSW and 47 of those years with Jochen Baberg.

"I have always felt comfortable here at Schulte-Wiese and have therefore never had any cause to change firms. Nowadays I'm happy to pass my knowledge on to the "young wild ones" just as was the case with me when I started. Do I want to stop one day...? Well of course but I don't know when yet".

### Did you know...

...how big the international forging market is?

Worldwide some 26 million tons of steel and non-ferrous metals are processed into forgings ( Euroforge, 2015) That is roughly the equivalent of 45,700 times the maximum starting weight of an Airbus A380 or some 2,600 Eifel Towers or more than 50 times the Burj Khalifa Tower in the emirate of Dubai, currently the largest building in the world.

These figures give us some idea of the almost unimaginable size of the forgings market, but we always try to be that little bit better than our competitors.

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