

Press release

BENTELER expands again its Schwandorf plant

- **BENTELER further invests in growth segment electro mobility in Germany**
- **As of 2021, BENTELER will produce battery trays for an additional German automotive manufacturer**
- **BENTELER is expanding the production area at its Schwandorf location by approximately 7,500 square meters**

Schwandorf/Paderborn, October 28, 2020. BENTELER is expanding the production area at its Schwandorf location by approximately 7,500 square meters. This corresponds to slightly more than a soccer field. The plant is part of the company's Automotive Division. Here, BENTELER will produce battery trays for a further German automotive manufacturer. The plant is one of the largest employers in Schwandorf: BENTELER employs about 650 people here.

The finalization of the expansion is planned for autumn 2020 and production is expected to begin by mid 2021. This is the second expansion in a very short time. The plant site already increased its production area by around 50 percent in October 2018 when the company started producing battery trays in Germany.

Lightweight construction expertise from BENTELER is in demand

"We in Schwandorf are experts in lightweight construction. We are delighted that another well-known customer is relying on our expertise and that we are therefore able to expand our plant once again," says Helmut Ascher, plant manager at the Schwandorf site. Due to its low weight, aluminum plays a major role in the production of battery trays. This is where BENTELER's material expertise in complex lightweight construction solutions comes into its own. "With our lightweight battery trays, we make sustainable electromobility possible for our customers - cost-effectively, quickly and reliably," adds Ascher.

Electromobility: Solutions from BENTELER

Not only because of the lightweight construction competence the automotive manufacturer chose BENTELER. BENTELER has extensive expertise in electromobility. With tailor-made, modular solutions, the company helps its customers worldwide take advantage of the growing opportunities offered by electro mobility – whether they are established

manufacturers or start-ups from outside the industry. Thus, BENTELER supports its customers in their projects happen faster and more cost-effectively.

BENTELER also presents different facets of electro mobility within an information offensive. Technical papers, web conferences, newsletters, videos and much more - there is a lot to discover at: www.benteler-automotive.com/e-mobility.

Photos and captions:

Visualization_Schwandorf.jpg: BENTELER continues to expand its growth in the field of electromobility in Germany.

Battery_Tray.jpg: Starting in 2021, BENTELER will produce battery trays for a further German automotive manufacturer.

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