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Following quarantine in Euskirchen: All Miele plants resume production

Gütersloh/Euskirchen, March 10, 2021. – The Miele Euskirchen plant is working as normal from today. At the same time, production was ramped up again at other production sites which were temporarily unable to produce due to a lack of supply of motors from Euskirchen. In concrete terms, this applies to plants in Gütersloh and Ksawerów (washing machines), Bielefeld (dishwashers and vacuum cleaners) and Uničov (dishwashers and tumble dryers).

Furthermore, the production plant in Warendorf was forced to stop production due to the fact that plastic components produced there could not be transferred to the finished goods plants due to stoppages. Here, too, production has resumed.

After a further round of mass testing in Euskirchen, three persons tested positive for Covid-19 and remain under quarantine. This, however, in no way jeopardises the production ramp-up there. Executive Director Technology Dr. Stefan Breit thanked the workforce for their exceptional commitment in this difficult situation. As a result, emergency production could be maintained in Euskirchen with the help of personnel from other areas within the factory in order to allow finished goods plants to resume production at the same time. Additional buffer stocks were created by the finish goods plants through the reassignment of existing stock from Euskirchen.

'This allowed us to resume production in parallel without any further delay. We will be fully operational at all plants once again within one or two days', says Breit. Stoppages at the other plants caused by the Euskirchen quarantine period were absorbed without short-time working but through the use of flexible shift patterns and flexitime working accounts.

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Company profile: Miele is the world's leading manufacturer of premium domestic appliances including cooking, baking and steam-cooking appliances, refrigeration products, coffee makers, dishwashers and laundry and floor care products. Their product portfolio also includes dishwashers, washing machines and tumble dryers for commercial use as well as washer-disinfectors and sterilisers for use in medical and laboratory applications (Miele Professional). Founded in 1899, the company has eight production plants in Germany, one each in Austria, the Czech Republic, China, Romania and Poland as well as two production plants belonging to its Italian medical technology subsidiary Steelco. Sales in the 2020 business year amounted to around € 4.5 bn (thereof 29.5% in Germany). Miele is represented with its own sales subsidiaries and via importers in almost 100 countries/regions. Throughout the world, the family-run enterprise, now in its fourth generation, employs a workforce of around 20,900, of which approx. 11,050 employees work in Germany. The company has its headquarters in Gütersloh in Westphalia.

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