

Press release**Semperit: Mega factory for manufacturing industrial and hydraulic hoses**

- Further expansion stage completed at the site in Odry/Czech Republic
- EUR 27 million invested in latest expansion; total investments of EUR 150 million in the last 20 years
- Production capacity increased to 100 million metres of hoses
- Model factory in Semperit Group with further expansion potential

Vienna, Austria/Odry, Czech Republic, 8 November 2018 – After the recent completion of another expansion stage at the Czech Semperflex location of Optimit in Odry, the Semperit Group now has one of the largest production plants worldwide for industrial and hydraulic hoses. With an investment volume of EUR 27 million, the production capacity was increased to 100 million metres of high-quality hoses, which are used in the construction and transport industries, in mines as well as in various agricultural machines.

“Odry is not only a model factory within the whole Group, but also an example of how we purposefully and continuously strengthen our competitiveness in a dynamically growing market. Due to the strong demand for our hydraulic hoses we have always been able to start the next expansion step immediately after putting an expansion stage into operation since the multi-step investment programme was started in 2015”, underlines Martin Füllenbach, Chairman of the Management Board of Semperit AG Holding. In addition, Füllenbach has identified further expansion potential in the Odry factory for the coming years.

Since Semperit took over the Czech competitor Optimit at the location in Odry 20 years ago and has since continuously expanded and modernised it, revenue has increased sixfold while production capacity has quintupled. Today, the factory in Odry has around 900 employees and a capacity of approximately 100 million metres; this is equivalent to roughly twice the length of the Earth's equator. In the last two decades, Semperit has invested a total of EUR 150 million in this location.

In its Semperflex segment, with around 23% of the Group's total revenue, Semperit produces hydraulic and industrial hoses not only in the Czech Republic, but also at locations in Austria, Italy, China, and Thailand. Through continuously expanding capacity and focusing on highest quality standards, Semperit has become number 3 worldwide for hydraulic hoses and even number 2 for industrial hoses in Europe. Customers include for example Palfinger (Austria), Kärcher (Germany) and Haberkorn (Austria).

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The publicly listed company Semperit AG Holding is an internationally-oriented group that develops, produces, and sells highly specialised rubber and plastic products in more than 100 countries for the medical and industrial sectors: examination and surgical gloves, hydraulic and industrial hoses, conveyor belts, escalator handrails, construction profiles, cable car rings, and products for railway superstructures. The headquarters of this traditional Austrian company, which was founded in 1824, are located in Vienna. The Semperit Group employs around 6,900 people worldwide, including around 3,700 in Asia and around 900 in Austria (Vienna and production site in Wimpassing, Lower Austria). The group has 15 manufacturing facilities worldwide and numerous sales offices in Europe, Asia, Australia, and America. In 2017, the group generated sales of EUR 874.2 million and an adjusted EBITDA (without one-off effects) of EUR 35.8 million.