



Announcement November 2021:

HF FoodTech Group launches new stainless steel competence center

In November 2020, the Management Board of the **Possehl Group** decided to merge the companies

- **Hänsel Group GmbH**
- **Schwarte Processing**
- **DMA Maschinen- und Anlagenbau GmbH & Co. KG (DMA)**
- **HF Press & LipidTech**

into a newly created business unit called **HF FoodTech Group** within Harburg- Freudenberger Maschinenbau GmbH. **Hänsel Group**, **Schwarte Processing** and **DMA** were previously managed within a business unit of the **Possehl Group** and **HF Press & Lipid Tech** was already part of Harburg-Freudenberger Maschinenbau GmbH.

Harburg-Freudenberger Maschinenbau GmbH is an internationally oriented company legal owner of the globally active **HF Group** with various locations in Germany, Croatia, Italy, England and the USA, with sales of approximately 500 million euros and more than 2,500 employees. The **HF Group**, with its two large strategic divisions, the **HF MIXING GROUP** based in Freudenberg and the **HF TireTech Group** based in Hamburg, is the world market leader in the field of special machines and systems for the Tire & Rubber industries.

The founding of **HF FoodTech Group**, with approximately 100 million euros in sales and 550 employees, will be an important third pillar created under one roof. This merger of companies shows once again how our owners **Possehl Group** is specialized in the successful development of small & medium-sized industrial companies and then utilizing the potential synergies and cooperation with other group companies in common markets.

Today, only 10 months after the initial strategic realignment, we are proud to announce the good news to all our business partners who cooperate with the **HF FoodTech Group** of companies, that the Possehl Executive Board has given the approval to set up a new competence center for the manufacturing of stainless steel products at our largest production site in Croatia.

The competence center will provide an excellent opportunity for cooperation between all **HF FoodTech Group** companies in order to manufacture higher percentage of products and components made of stainless steel which are currently supplied externally.

The Croatian Harburg-Freudenberger Belišće d.o.o., with its two locations in Belišće and Valpovo, has been working for the HF Group's product divisions already since 1998. In our largest and ultra-modern production site, we produce machines and components with over 700 employees and achieve an annual volume of 1.3 million production hours. The implementation of efficient production facilities, control systems and well-functioning management structures have proven themselves in recent years and have ensured that HF is always a value-added partner for its customers. The key accounts from the tire and food tech industries appreciate our quality and reliability and regularly confirm our performance with supplier awards, of which we are particularly proud.

The **Schwarte Processing** site in Olsztyn, Poland will also benefit from the new plant in Croatia as both plants will now be able to focus on their core competences. For example, in Olsztyn, we will concentrate on tanks for the pharma industry, as well as large, multichambered temperature-controlled pressure vessels. In Valpovo, we will take advantage of our streamlined manufacturing process for smaller standardized products and components. The new competence center is scheduled to start production by early 2023.

Finally, we would like to inform you that the commercial handling of all **Schwarte Processing** business with vessels, apparatus and other components will be handled by the **HF FoodTech Group** division under the umbrella of our German Harburg-Freudenberger Maschinenbau GmbH effective January 2022. In business correspondence, we will operate as follows:

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The **HF Group** is committed to further strengthening the business relationships with the customers and suppliers of **Schwarte Processing**. With our technical know-how and a great enthusiasm for innovation, we will continuously increase our competitiveness and manufacture high-quality products for you.

We are looking forward working together with you on future projects.

Sincerely,



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Managing Director
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