

## 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BUTTING's plant in Schwedt

This year we are celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our branch in Schwedt on the Oder. With around 350 permanent employees at the moment, BUTTING Schwedt is the second-largest BUTTING site. BUTTING Schwedt achieves approximately 65 % of its revenue outside Germany.



On 1 April 1991, the then managing director, Dr Hannshermann Butting, founded the company in Schwedt to support the local paper industry. At the beginning, the staff, consisting of five employees, worked in the rented premises of a local paper mill.

In the following years, the company developed into a specialist in building vessels for a wide range of sectors. The rented workshop rooms were no longer big enough, and so in 1995 a new hall was officially opened, already with 40 employees. The good order book ensured that BUTTING Schwedt was able to treble its revenue and staff between 2002 and 2006.

Up to now, the largest project in the history of BUTTING Schwedt was the manufacturing and delivering of pipes and vessels for a major project in Uruguay. There in November 2007 one of the largest pulp and paper-mills in South America went into operation, to which we contributed 53 vessels, among other things. A total of 350 BUTTING fitters installed the vessels on-site, along with 100 000 m of pipes.

Currently our site in Schwedt has an order to supply and install vessels and pipes for a paper-making machine in Australia. For such projects, additional employees are often also recruited from Poland, just across the border. Thus BUTTING Schwedt employs on annual average about 700 employees from the surrounding region.

The site in Schwedt means that BUTTING creates jobs in the structurally disadvantaged state of Brandenburg and offers many young people an apprenticeship. In the last analysis, the Knesebeck site also benefits from its subsidiary in Schwedt. "We manufacture the pipes in Knesebeck for many orders of BUTTING Schwedt. Thus we create employment and secure jobs in the region", says Markus Bartsch, a member of the Board of BUTTING.

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