

## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### **20 years of automotive controls: Eberspaecher Controls celebrates in Landau**

*Esslingen / Landau, October 1, 2021 – 20 Years of Automotive Electronics in the Eberspaecher Group. The occasion was celebrated by Eberspächer Controls GmbH & Co. KG in Landau this Friday in the presence of Petra Dick-Walther, State Secretary for Economic Affairs for Rhineland-Palatinate, Dietmar Seefeldt, District Administrator for the Suedliche Weinstrasse district, and Thomas Hirsch, Lord Mayor of the town of Landau. The site specializes in the development and manufacturing of complex electronic systems for the automotive industry used in both e-mobility and autonomous driving.*

“Our success with automotive controls has its origins in the Palatinate”, emphasized Martin Peters, Managing Partner of the Eberspaecher Group, during the celebrations. “What started off small 20 years ago is now a central element of our vision of ‘driving the mobility of tomorrow’”, he added. The subsidiary Eberspaecher Controls (then still known as catem develec) was founded in 2001. Its activities began in Herxheim and later moved to Kandel. In 2006 the decision was taken to evolve from purely hardware and software development into a complete electronics supplier. Continuing growth led to the construction of a new site in Landau. Since 2014 Eberspaecher Controls has occupied a three-story building in Max-Planck-Strasse with a surface area of 9,000 square meters. The site offers the latest equipment in the working environment of a professional family business. Today more than 250 employees develop and manufacture electronics components for automobile manufacturers worldwide. Each year, the company provides global manufacturers with products for some five million vehicles. These include storage modules and semiconductor-based electronic switches – including for autonomous

vehicles. Some Business Units of the Eberspaecher Group profit additionally from in-house competence in control unit development and production. These are used in fuel operated heaters, for example, high-voltage electrical heaters, and in conventional and electric bus air conditioning systems.

In her welcoming speech, Petra Dick-Walther, State Secretary for Economic Affairs for Rhineland-Palatinate, highlighted the importance of Eberspaecher Controls for the region: “Even 20 years ago, Eberspaecher demonstrated how the transformation of the automotive industry can happen. With your innovation and precision, you have made your home on the global markets while retaining firm roots in the Palatinate. Eberspaecher electronics moves us all – in the literal sense of the word. You are working today on the mobility of tomorrow and in so doing are creating conditions for creating value and employment in our area. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to you!”

Dr. Joerg Schernikau (COO, Eberspaecher Climate Control Systems/Automotive Controls), also looks to the future with optimism: “Our own electronics are becoming an increasingly central component of Eberspaecher products, and this development is continuing.” In the next few years, new solutions in battery management systems and the exhaust system controls for the forthcoming Euro 7 standard will also be offered. For Schernikau, Landau quality and competence are decisive: “We operate as a reliable partner for our internal and external customers, and our know-how for the best technical and commercial solutions is renowned. Based on that, we intend to continue our success story with our committed employees here in Landau as well.”

Automotive electronics from Eberspaecher are represented by the current Automotive Electronics Business Unit, which in addition to Landau and Esslingen also has a sales location in the USA and a plant in China (Tianjin). Also under construction is a software development site at Cluj-Napoca, Romania. In this configuration, Eberspaecher continues to offer solutions for the e-mobility and autonomous driving megatrends in a growing business area. The company aims to generate revenue significantly in excess of €100 million by 2023. This figure includes both revenues within the group and external revenues.

**Captions:**

- *External view of Eberspaecher Controls, Landau (aerial view and view by night)*
- *Production insights*

**Note for press reporters:**

*An up-to-date image showing our policymaker guests at the celebrations and the press tour at Eberspaecher Controls, Landau will be available from the Eberspaecher press office immediately after the event.*

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**About Eberspaecher:**

*With approximately 10,000 employees at 80 locations worldwide, the Eberspaecher Group is one of the automotive industry's leading system developers and suppliers. The family business, headquartered in Esslingen am Neckar, stands for innovative solutions in exhaust technology, automotive electronics and thermal management for a broad range of vehicle types. In combustion or hybrid engines and in e-mobility, the components and systems from Eberspaecher ensure greater comfort, higher safety and a clean environment. Eberspaecher is paving the way for future technologies such as mobile and stationary fuel cell applications, synthetic fuels as well as the use of hydrogen as an energy carrier. In 2020, the Group generated revenue of more than 4.9 billion euros.*